



April 2005

THE ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power & Sail Squadron

Commander's Report



As my last report to the Squadron, as Commander, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our Bridge members, and to all of our instructors and proctors for their support. All volunteer organizations need dedicated people. You have provided this dedication.

Our Squadron's Annual General Meeting is combined with our Change of Watch for this year. This event is scheduled for April 30th, at 1900 hours, in the Elks Hall. This is an important occasion for all White Rock Squadron members, in that your Bridge for the coming year will be elected and sworn-in. Please make your commitment to come out and support this group of volunteers.

White Rock Squadron is the host for the 2005 Pacific Mainland District Annual General Meeting, and the committee is busy with their plans. This event will be held at the Sheraton Guildford hotel May 27th and 28th, 2005. All Power and Sail Squadron members are welcome and encouraged to attend this function. The Friday evening get-together is sure to be a real blast. And, the meetings and seminars scheduled for Saturday will be most informative for us all. The Saturday evening Commander's Gala Ball is our opportunity to dine and dance the night away with music provided by the renowned 'Dal Richards'.

Our Squadron's training courses graduation evening (Mini Grad) is scheduled for May 9th, at the Crescent Beach Yacht Club, at 7:00 pm. Graduates from all of our Winter 2005 classes are urged to attend and receive their certificates of achievement.

Many of us will be busy preparing our boats for the season, what with cleaning, painting, repairing and puttering. I am sure that we, as Power and Sail members, will be performing these tasks in an environmentally friendly fashion.

Have an enjoyable and safe Boating season

Ken Penny
Commander

REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

March 28, 2005

The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2005/2006:

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Marep/Coast Guard (1st/Lt)	Ken Penny	15788 Pacific Ave. White Rock, B.C.	604-531-5602

The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, with the rank of First Lieutenant, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1(d):

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Past Commander (1st Lt)	Ken Penny	15788 Pacific Ave. White Rock, B.C.	604-531-5602

We need you to get involved in our upcoming District Annual General Meeting!!!

You can become involved in many different ways:

1. Enter one of our competitions:

Training Aids. The Training Aid must be designed specifically to assist with the instruction of CPS instructional programs. It will be judged on originality, simplicity of use and best in assisting the student in the learning process. It may be hands-on structures, graphic displays, unique overhead transparencies, etc.

Photography. Your photos must be of a marine, nautical or squadron theme, mounted on stiff card stock 5 x 7 or larger, with your name, address and squadron printed on the reverse side. Slides should have prints made and mounted. Please limit entries to four per member.

Publications. This category includes Squadron newsletters, signage, pamphlets, etc.

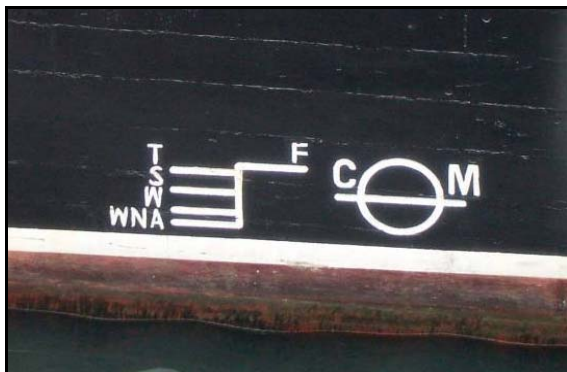
Exhibits. Lets us display your arts and crafts, handicrafts - anything on a nautical theme or things you work on while boating.

Due to limited tabletop display space and vertical wall space, we need to know how much room you require. Registration Form can be downloaded from our web site: www.whiterocksquadron.org and emailed to tomkow@shaw.ca once completed.

2. You can also get involved by helping organize one or more of the many events that will take place during the AGM. Contact John Naylor at jgnaylor@shaw.ca or Shirley Shea at s.shea@shaw.ca

3. If you have any new items, related to boating, that you do not use, you may consider donating them for the AGM Silent Auction or as a door prize.

Tall Ships will be visiting Vancouver from July 6 to 10, 2005. If you want to participate as volunteer in the many events that will take place, visit www.seavancouver.ca for details.



From our previous newsletter:

Those markings on the side of Bluenose II are load lines:

S - Summer load line. Line passing through the center of the ring.

W - Winter load line

WNA - Winter North Atlantic load line

T - Tropical load line

F - Fresh water load line

Thank you to Ted MacKinnon and Andrew Pothier for sending the correct information.

GFCI's, Fuses, and Circuit Breakers

The primary purpose of fuses and circuit breakers is to protect equipment from current overloads and to prevent fires. During the time it takes to melt a 15 Amp fuse or trip a 15 Amp circuit breaker, a person in contact with the circuit can be electrocuted.

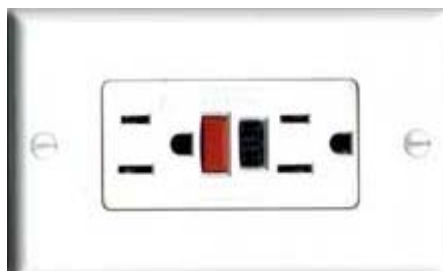
The primary purpose of a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) is to save lives. A GFCI will trip in about 3/100 of a second with a current of 5 milliamps (mA). To put this into context, a 60 watt light bulb draws about 500 mA, a single LED - now being seen in Christmas tree lights - draws about 20 mA. Depending upon the circumstances a 60 Hz (cycle) current as low as 50 mA., can be lethal.

You should have GFCI safety devices on board. They can be installed in your regular circuit breaker panel, where they will protect all circuits off that branch. They can be installed as an individual receptacle unit where they can protect other circuits wired in parallel off the GFCI. There are portable GFCI's which are fabricated as part of an extension cord. This type is a must for working around your boat if you cannot plug into a protected circuit.

All GFCI devices should be checked on a regular basis by plugging a small night light into the outlet and pressing the "test" and "reset" buttons. If you have a GFCI installed on your breaker panel, you can also use this method to identify the protected outlets.

There are various conditions which can trip a GFCI, one being stray current. Sometimes radio interference filters in power leads can cause GFCI's to trip, also radio frequency energy from nearby transmitters have been know to trip GFCI's. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters are a very important safety device - they can save lives. Use them and check them. Safe boating!

Kevin Dean VEOMRT



Miscellaneous News...

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the **Global Weather Course**, with Instructor Ken Penny:

Michael Bourke
Shirley Shea

Bill Cheyney
Sharon Simpson

Ken Penny
John Wishart

Andrew Pothier

Interesting information from District:

Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) would like to reinforce the use of the latest editions of charts, with latest notice to mariners and the largest scale of chart of the area.

The latest charts can be found at www.charts.gc.ca There are 25 new releases so you may want to check out your stock before commencing your boating season. Notably there is a new 3462 Juan de Fuca/Str. of Georgia and 3463 Str. of Georgia/Southern Portion.

Shirley Shea , PMD Marep Officer

Review of aids to navigation in Vancouver Harbour: Canadian Coast Guard is currently conducting a level of service review including all buoys and beacons east of Point Atkinson, including False Creek and Indian Arm. They are requesting input from boaters and the public. (1 800 667-2179 for more info.)

CHS/NDI Digital Electronic Charts. The Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) advised of the termination of its agreement with Nautical Data International (NDI). NDI did not accept this termination and is pursuing legal remedies against CHS. The motion by CHS to set aside or vary the February 10th, 2005 order of the Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court was postponed, and no new hearing date has been set. Therefore the order issued by Justice Hall restraining CHS from breaching or terminating the CHS/NDI Agreement remains in effect.

Safe Boating Guide – Office of Boating Safety held a consultative working group session which was twofold:

- 1) To develop & agree on a concept for the 2006 *Safe Boating Guide*
- 2) and to match the *Safe Boating Guide* content to the concept.

A number of recommendations for the next edition are as follows:

- Improve table of contents
- Improve graphics & description of flotation devices
- Keep colour coding for sections
- Improve distribution network
- Ensure that the metric conversion information covers all measurements
- Use better quality of paper to improve durability
- Reorganize the content
- Use tabs to make it easier to find information
- Keep it free

Foreign Recreational Vessels – length of visits to Canada

There seems to be a change in the CCRA procedures related to length of time a foreign flagged recreational vessel may visit Canadian waters. Previously, as provided for in CCRA Memorandum D2-1-1, non-commercial vessels visiting Canada were permitted upon request a maximum 1 year from date-of-entry. More recently, non-commercial vessels visiting Canada have been granted visits of varying length from 3-6 months regardless of the length of visit requested.

There are reportedly a significant number of US flagged recreational vessels desiring term moorage at Canadian marinas as a base this summer, to explore and cruise the BC coast.

Proposed Southern Strait of Georgia Marine Conservation Area Reserve - Parks Canada is now proposing the designation of a number of “marine conservation areas” in the new Southern Gulf Islands National Park reserve. With this in mind, they will be conducting public information sessions. Such designation could include significant restrictions and prohibitions. We will keep the membership informed as soon as more information becomes available.

Norm Dyck, SN, PMD Government Liaison Officer.

2005 Cruising Schedule



Please select cruises and contact:

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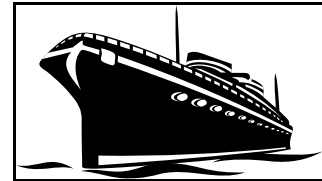
Join us for fun and fellowship happy hours, potlucks, dingy explorations, crib tournaments.....
Marina moorage is becoming very tight in the summer months. Your immediate attention is requested.

Easter	March 25 - 27	Port Sidney Marina	250-655-3711
Victoria Day	May 21- 23	Genoa Bay Marina	800-572-6481
Canada Day	July 1 - 3	Ganges Marina	250-537-5242
Labour Day	Sept 3 - 5	Thetis Island Marina	250-246-3464

***** There is no extended cruise for the summer of 2005 *****

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE MARINA TO SECURE A BERTH.
INDICATE YOU ARE WITH THE **WHITE ROCK POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON**

PORT SIDNEY MARINA	1-250-655-3711
GANGES MARINA	1-250-537-5242
PORT BROWNING MARINA	1-250-629-3493
TELEGRAPH HARBOR MARINA	1-250-246-9511



Reservations at these marinas may also be made by VHF radio on channel 66A

White Rock Squadron's 2005 Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch

April 30, 2005, 1900 hours

Elks Hall, 1469 George Street, White Rock

Our AGM will include election of the 2005 – 2006 Bridge
our Change of Watch

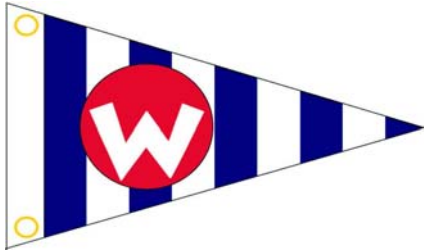
Pledging our new Bridge Officers Presentation of Merit Mark awards

Then join us for

Sandwiches and deserts,

no host bar

All Members and their Guests Welcome



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Calendar of Events

April 30- Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch at 7:00 PM at Elks Lodge, 1469 George Street, White Rock, B.C.

April 23 and 24 - TD Canada Trust Regatta

May 9 - Graduation Evening, Crescent Beach Yacht Club, 7:00 PM

May 27 and 28 - Pacific Mainland District AGM.

July 6 to 10 - Tall Ships visit Vancouver

Visit: www.whiterocksquadron.org for details...

Cruisemaster's Report

EASTER CRUISE ATTRACTS ONE BOAT

The White Rock Power and Sail Squadron Easter cruise to Port Sidney on Vancouver Island had only the participation of Cruisemaster Barry Baniulis and first mate Rosemary Courtney.

The Freedom Too crew left Semiahmoo Marina at 7:45 Friday morning and were tied to the check in dock at Sidney under sunny skies at 10 am.

Sunshine was the order of the day until clouds rolled in around 3 p.m. but temperatures were mild.

Rosemary handily won two games of crib that evening.

Gales winds and heavy rains roared through after midnight but by early am were gentle breezes and off and on showers.

By noon on Saturday the skies were again sunny and blue with just one passing sun shower .

Barry and Rosemary enjoyed an evening out at the Captains Table and she again won two crib games.

On Sunday the Freedom Too departed for Otter Bay under cloudy skies but were smooth seas.

Development has started on the condominium cottages at the head of the Bay which will certainly over time change the character of the marina.

Several quick moving showers moved through during the day.

The Sunday evening crib games were split between Barry and Rosemary.

The crew was underway at 7:40 Monday in a driving rain which soon eased as blue skies built in the west.

Large groups of sea lions were observed off East Point on the return across the strait which was generally smooth.

The next squadron cruise is to Genoa Bay on the May long weekend.

Barry Baniulis
Cruisemaster

Monthly Meetings... come and meet your bridge...

If you would like to attend one of our Squadron meetings, they are held on the third Monday of every month, at the **ABC Country Restaurant**, 2160 King George Hwy. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

Please call one of the bridge members to confirm...

