



August 2002

THE ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Fall 2002 Course Schedule

BOATING	Tue. Sept. 10 to Dec. 10 Wed. Sept. 11 to Dec. 11	\$175 Single \$275 Couple
Navigation, cruising skills and pleasure craft operators card		
PILOTING	Wed. Sept. 11 to Dec. 11	\$100
Charting, tides and currents, piloting fixes and seamanship.		
ADVANCED PILOTING	Tue. Sept. 10 to Dec. 10	\$100
BOAT PRO	Wed. Sept. 11 to Oct. 2 Wed. Nov. 6 to Nov. 27	\$ 70
Simplified version of Boating. Four evenings		
Study, write exam for Pleasure Craft Operator Card.	Challenge	\$ 20
RADIO SEMINAR	Tue. Nov. 19 to Dec. 3	\$ 45 member \$ 55 non member
VHF Radio Course earning Operator's Certificate.		
NAV. WITH GPS	Tues. Oct. 29 to Nov. 5	\$ 35 member \$ 45 non member
Basics of Global Positioning Systems and Navigation		
SEAMANSHIP SAIL	Tue. Sept. 10 to Nov. 10	\$100 member \$120 non member
Classes start at 7:00 PM	First day Registration starts at 6:00 PM	
Classes held at:	Earl Marriot Secondary School	
	15751 16th Avenue	
	Surrey, B.C.	
Register by mailing cheque to :	White Rock Squadron	
	P.O. Box 499, 800 15355 24th Avenue	
	Surrey, B.C., V4A 2H9	
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Commander's Report...

Welcome back to The Anchorline – this being our first edition for the 2002 / 2003 season. Have you enjoyed your summer on the water? There is still a month or so of good weather ahead before the days get too short and the rainy season begins. The fall season brings stronger winds – often dreaded by stink potters, but eagerly awaited by true sailors. Boating season isn't quite over yet.



The onset of fall is also time to consider upgrading your boating knowledge and skills in preparation for next year. Why not consider taking one of the advanced and elective courses being offered by our squadron this fall? And don't forget the social aspect. By attending a class, you get an evening out each week with fellow boaters. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 10th and Wednesday, September 11th.

I am very pleased that most of the officers on last year's Bridge, instructors and proctors have chosen to continue with their commitment. Their experience and dedication are valued, and their involvement should ensure that our squadron will function effectively during the coming year. This was recently in evidence during the Spirit of the Sea Festival, where we manned a booth and entered a float in the Torchlight Parade. Squadron members also volunteered for duty at the Tall Ships Festival.

In closing, I'm very pleased to serve as your Commander this year, and I hope to meet many of you at squadron activities during the coming months.

John Naylor
Commander

Information for Travelers!!!!

The Canadian Coast Guard has created a Web site specifically for pleasure boaters to find factual information on U.S. travel, including new restrictions on navigation near U.S. Navy vessels. The address is www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/news

Also check the CPS Web site for information on cross-border travel—Canada to U.S. and U.S. to Canada. The address is www.cps-ecp.ca

Training Officer's Report...



With the Fall training season rapidly approaching, efforts are well under way to firm up our squadron's educational program for September. A course schedule has been prepared, as shown on page one, and several squadron members have already been contacted and have generously confirmed their willingness to be instructors or proctors. A big "thank-you" to each of you. We still have a few training positions to confirm over the next week or two, and the full roster of instructors and proctors will be published in the next issue of The Anchorline.

All classes will once again be held at Earl Marriott School on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings commencing at 1900 hrs. The Tuesday classes will begin on September 10 and the Wednesday classes start September 11, with the exception of the VHF "Radio Talk" Seminar which starts November 19, and the GPS Seminar which will start on October 29. We anticipate another strong turn-out of new students for our Boating and Boat Pro classes, so we will be asking for extra hands to be on deck on the registration nights (September 10 and 11).

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and pleasure-filled summer, both on and off the water.

Lorne G. Wells
Squadron Training Officer

Membership Report



Ahoy there, White Rock Squadron members! The final count is in and things are looking great! Here's how we compare to last year:

	July 2001	July 2002
Junior Members	1	1
Lady Associates	15	14
Life Members	2	1
Regular Associates	4	4
Family Members	38	40
Regular Members	239	262
TOTAL	299	322

(These totals do not include those of you who renewed after July 15th)

You might also be interested to know we rank 3rd out of the 23 squadrons in the Pacific Mainland District:

Vancouver Squadron 629 members

Fraser Squadron 406 members

White Rock Squadron 322 members

Welcome back everyone and I hope you all had a wonderful summer on the high seas!

Mary-Lou Wightman
Membership Officer



Tall ship Nippon Maru docked in Steveston. Photo by Ross McCutcheon.

Many thanks to all volunteers for the help received for the booth and float at the Spirit of the Sea Festival: Erik Laursen, Andrew Pothier, Veronica Neufeld, Tom Lauritzen, Marilyn Mitchell, Alison McLean, Carlos Fuenzalida, Mike and Jo Henry, Lorne and Leslie Wells, Bobbie and John Naylor, Rod and Jennie Ciceri, and Georgie Paone and Lorne Wells.

It was a fun filled event and hopefully we have attracted people to join our Fall classes.

Also thanks to those participating in the Tall Ships Festival booth... Alison McLean, Marilyn Mitchell, Andrew Pothier, John Toews, Norm and Anne Headrick and Carlos and myself. This booth was organized by Ross McCutcheon, of Fraser Squadron, with assistance from Pacific Mainland District. Speaking as District PRO, I was proud to see the participation of our Squadron. The booth was very busy, visited by many boating enthusiasts and public at large. Hopefully, our message promoting boating safety reached many and we will fill our classrooms .

Shirley R. Shea
Public Relations Officer

Safe Boating Tips...

Do not load your boat beyond its capacity. The capacity plate is on every small boat and was put there by the manufacturer for your safety. If your boat looks overloaded, it probably is!

Test your life jackets at least once during the season by wearing them in the water to see if they still keep you afloat. If they don't hold you up properly, replace them NOW. Later could be too late.

Don't get lost in a fog. Know your position at all times, and be prepared to return to shore on a compass course. Fog can come up very unexpectedly and the coastline, which was so clearly visible a few minutes ago, can be completely obscured. Always carry the latest charts and related publications in your boat.

Never turn at high speed. Small craft can be easily swamped by their own wash.

Approach a wharf or mooring against the wind or current, whichever is stronger. When you follow this practice, you retain your maneuverability.

A teaspoon of gasoline can have the explosive power of a stick of dynamite. Use extra caution when refueling.

If you have trouble keeping dishes on the table while under way, dampen a tablecloth with water. This will hold the cloth to the table and prevent dishes and cutlery from sliding. Also, do not use saucers under cups.

Weather tips: Birds sit it out before a storm because thinning air is harder to fly in; if smoke from a passing ship curls downward and lingers, a storm is nearing the area; a rainbow to windward means rain ahead, a rainbow to leeward means rain is at an end; the higher the clouds the finer the weather. Lowering ceilings foretell rain.

Before unloading the boat from the trailer you have so expertly backed down to the water, make sure the drain plug has been replaced and a line from the boat is being held by someone on shore. There is nothing worse than seeing your boat begin to sink or float away!

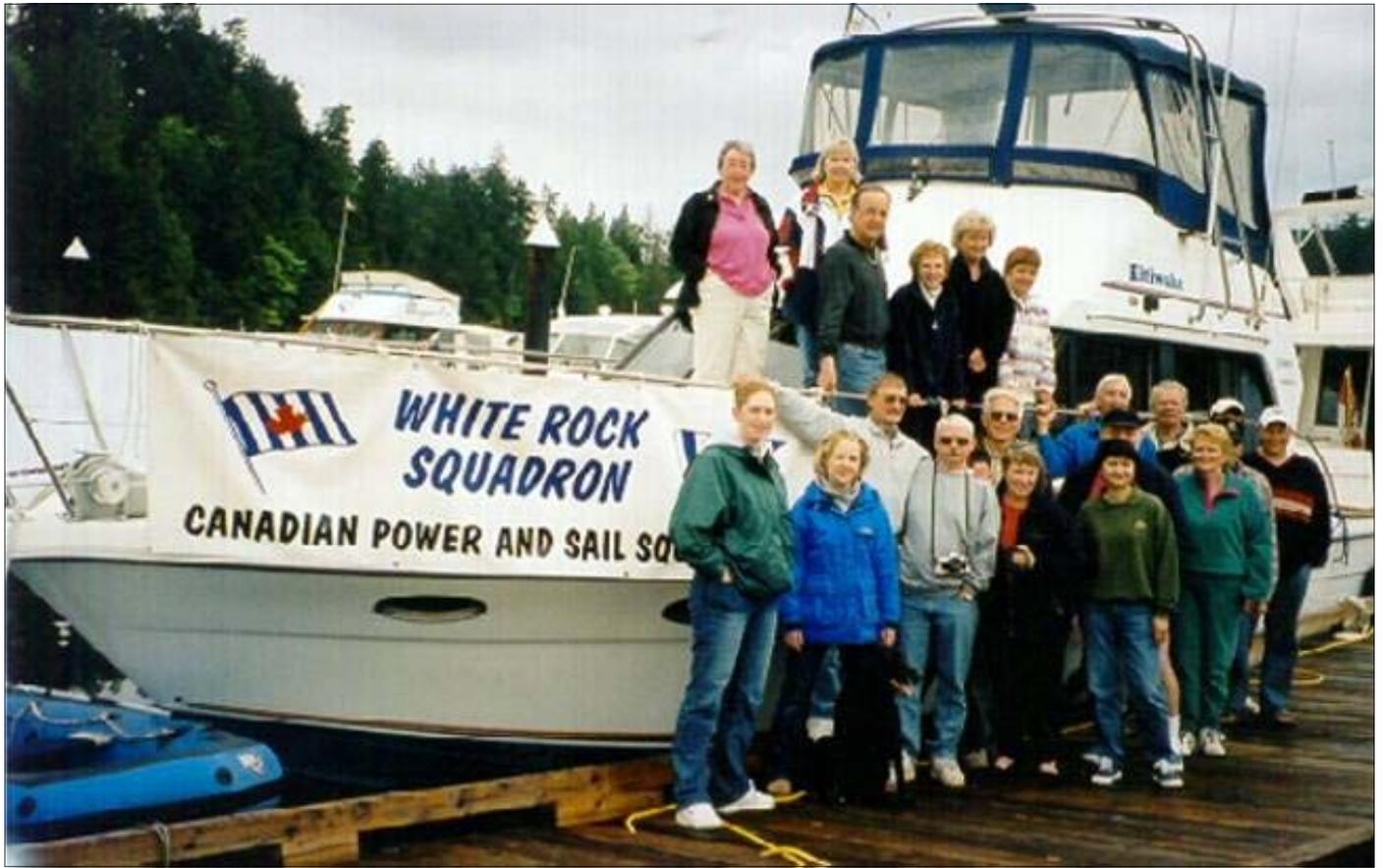
GPS Users Beware... Can You Trust Your Charts?

The default datum used in all GPS receivers is WGS 84, or World Geodetic System of 1984. All modern charts are constructed to this same model, but before 1990 charts were made to a variety of datums.

If a GPS that is set to WGS84 is used in conjunction with a chart compiled to a different datum, any GPS fix plotted on that chart will be out of position. In many cases, this discrepancy will only be a few yards, but in some cases it will amount to hundreds of yards.

Make sure that the chart you are using has the same datum (it appears under the chart title) as your GPS. When you switch charts, check again!

An excellent article on this subject can be found in SAIL Magazine, August 2002.



A handsome group at Telegraph Harbor, Thetis Island



**Squadron Booth
at
Spirit of the Sea
Festival**

**Manning the booth
are, from the left:**

**Rod Ciceri
Shirley Shea
Jeannie Ciceri and
Cdr. John Naylor**

2002 Cruising Reports...by Barry Baniulis



SQUADRON CELEBRATES QUEENS BIRTHDAY AT TELEGRAPH HARBOR

Members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron enjoyed the amenities of Telegraph Harbor Marina the May long weekend.

Boats arrived under bright sunny skies Saturday, May 18 and all participated in a very happy, happy hour.

On Sunday many of the admirals (female crew) took the inter-island ferry to Chemanius to enjoy the community of murals.

Those staying behind simply relaxed, went fishing or in the case of Arednall, Dream Keeper and Freedom Too circumnavigated Thetis Island.

There was some afternoon rain but it cleared for a wonderful potluck dinner on the docks followed by a crib tournament that saw Peter Ganz take first place honors, Sandy Wightman grabbed second place while Marlene Bartel captured third place.

Boats attending were Wight Mist, Freedom Too, Chris Craft, Arendall, My Hideaway, Rose Marie, Kitiwake, Touch of Blue, Dreamkeeper and Tourqsea.

All returned to home ports on Monday, May 20

SQUADRON CELEBRATES CANADA DAY WITH GATHERING AT OTTER BAY

Otter Bay on North Pender Island played host to the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron the June 29, 30 and July 1 long weekend.

Sea conditions on the Strait were not the best but boats gathering were Arendall, My Hideaway, Kazbar, Rose Marie, Freedom Too and Chris's Craft.

Skies were generally sunny but a cool evening followed a happy hour.

On Sunday Arendall and freedom Too traveled to Thieves Bay by dingy through cool and lumpy seas. Scattered rain showers struck throughout the afternoon

Sunshine graced the pot luck dinner. Crib tournament winners were Andrew Pothier taking first place, Mike Henry taking second with Donna Pothier completing the top three.

Swells and a light chop on the strait greeted the homebound travelers .

Digital Ocean compatibility with Windows XP

2001 Digital Ocean Electronic charts are not compatible with Windows XP. As clearly indicated on the 2001 series box, this series was designed and tested to support Windows 95, 98, 2000, and NT operating systems. As the 2001 series was released prior to Windows XP, this operating system is not supported. Please refer to the NDI web site at www.digitalocean.ca for further information.

Reminder:

To access Member's Mooring on the CPS Web site (www.cps-ecp.ca), you need to first enter your Membership Certificate Number, and then your postal code, including the space.

Meet your new Bridge! Come to our next monthly meeting...

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.



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Test your Boating Knowledge...

1. Are gasoline fumes lighter than air?
2. Do boats under sail always have the right of way over power boats?
3. Is the port side running light a green light?
4. Is "windward" a direction away from the wind?
5. Do motorboats sound a bell when under way in a fog?

Answers below.....

About Tall Ships...

Brigantine - Two-masted vessel rigged fore and aft on the main, but carrying square sails on the smaller foremast.



Brig - Two-masted vessel carrying square sails on her main and foremast and an additional fore and aft sail called a trysail on her main.



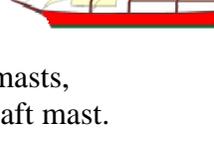
Snow - Very similar to a brig, but the snow's trysail is set on a small mast set very close abaft the main mast. Very rarely seen except in historic paintings or woodcuts



Bark or Barque- Three- or more-masted vessel square rigged on all but the aft-most mast.



Barkentine - Three- or more-masted vessel square rigged only on the foremost mast.



Full-rigged Ship - Three- or more-masted vessel square rigged on all masts, though usually carrying a fore-and-aft rigged steady sail low on the aft mast.



Answers...
 1. NO
 2. NO
 3. NO
 4. NO
 5. NO

Gasoline fumes are heavier than air, hence go to the bilge.
 Sailboats overtaking a power boat do NOT have the right of way.
 Port running light is red; starboard running light is green.
 If you face the wind, you are facing to windward. If you face away from the wind, you are facing leeward.
 Motorboats sound a bell at anchor in a fog; a horn under way in a fog.