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White Rock Power and Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Report from your Commander



Hello Everyone!

I would like to start by saying thank-you to all those squadron members who have the confidence in me to have me serve as their commander for the coming year. I consider it a privilege and promise to do my best. We have an excellent Bridge this year and I look forward to working with everyone. Thank-you to all those special members who have volunteered to serve this year.

We had a record turn out for our Change Of Watch on May 3rd. A great effort by a lot of people (lead by Marilyn) paid off. A number of bridge members attended the District AGM and C.O.W. on May 24th and 25th. We saw our very own Past Commander Norm Headrick sworn in as Pacific Mainland District Commander. Congratulations Norm!

It has been a fabulous summer out on the water this year. Lots of warm, dry and sunny days and even some wind for those sail boaters. The crabbing was also excellent, Erik (the barber) and I caught our limit every time we pulled our traps.

Barry, our Cruise Master, has planned a number of cruises this summer. I attended the May cruise to Ganges Harbour and the June cruise to Otter Bay and had a great time with everyone. Still to come is the Telegraph Harbour cruise on the Labour Day weekend.

Donna and I attended the PMD rendezvous to Snug Cove, Bowen Island. The highlights were the blindfold dinghy race (Shirley and I tied for last place), the pot luck dinner and the District Commander's breakfast on Sunday morning.

Our squadron had an information booth for two days during White Rock's Spirit of the Sea Festival. We sold a number of the Boat Pro manuals and had a lot of interest in our upcoming courses this fall. Thanks to everyone who turned out to man the booth.

This fall our Training Officer, Shirley Shea, has a number of boating courses starting on Sept. 9th and 10th. Our instructors and proctors have volunteered to share their knowledge and skills to all those willing to learn more. I would like to encourage everyone to get a relative or friend to sign up for one of our boating classes or even consider upgrading your own skills by taking an advanced or elective course.

Our Socials Officer, Georgie Paone, has been working hard to arrange a dinner and dance at the Elk's Hall on Nov. 8th. Let's all get together for a fun evening. Bring your friends!

In closing, thank you everyone again. I'm proud to be your Commander this year, and hopefully I'll see some of you on the water this summer or in the fall during classes.

Andrew Pothier
Commander

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The Fall training season is rapidly approaching and we are well under way to firm up our Squadron's educational program for September. A course schedule has been prepared, as noted on opposite page, and a tentative slate of instructors and proctors has been lined up. A big "thank-you" to each one of you.

All classes will once again be held at Earl Marriott Secondary School on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings commencing at 7:00 PM. Registration at 6:30 PM on start date. Pre-registration is welcomed for efficiency on our part.

The Tuesday classes will begin on September 9 and the Wednesday classes start September 10. VHF "Radio Talk" Seminar starts September 23, and the GPS Seminar starts on October 28. Please give me a call at 604-538-6226 if you would like to pre-register.

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 9 and 10). Again, please let me know if you could make yourself available to assist with registration or greeting new students.

Instructional Training is offered commencing Nov. 18 for anyone interested in pursuing the educational aspect of our organization. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the ranks of this great group...we need well-trained backup at all times.

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

Shirley Harvey Shea  
Squadron Training Officer

**Useful Tip:**

You can often avoid seasickness by staying busy and keeping your mind occupied by taking over the helm or any other activity that will keep you above decks. Look at the distant horizon rather than the water close at hand. Take deep breaths and drink plenty of water. The worst thing that a person can do is go below decks with no land or horizon to look at. Reading or staring at an object will assuredly bring on the effects of seasickness.

## 2003 Fall Course Schedule

| <b>Course</b>                                                            | <b>Instructor</b>                                                                           | <b>Date</b>              | <b>Cost</b>      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>BOATING</b>                                                           | Ken Penny                                                                                   | Tue. Sept. 9 to Dec. 9   | \$175 Single     |
| Class 1                                                                  | Lorne Wells                                                                                 | Wed. Sept. 10 to Dec. 10 | \$275 Couple     |
| Class 2                                                                  | Sandy Wightman/Rob Milne                                                                    |                          |                  |
| Coastal navigation, cruising skills and CCG Pleasure Craft Operator Card |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>PILOTING</b>                                                          | Don Walser                                                                                  | Wed. Sept. 10 to Dec. 10 | \$100 Member     |
| Charting, tides and currents, plotting and general seamanship.           |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>BOAT PRO</b>                                                          | Stephen Stewart                                                                             | Wed. Sept. 10 to Oct. 1  | \$ 70            |
|                                                                          | Marilyn Mitchell                                                                            | Wed. Nov. 5 to Nov. 26   |                  |
| Learn Boating Safety Standards and Practices. Four evenings              |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| Earns CCG Pleasure Craft Operator Card                                   |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| Study on your own and challenge exam on Oct. 1 or Nov. 26                |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>VHS RADIO</b>                                                         | Brian McMurdo                                                                               | Tue. Sep. 23 to Oct. 7   | \$ 45 member     |
|                                                                          | John Naylor                                                                                 |                          | \$ 55 non member |
| VHF Radio Talk Course earning Operator Certificate.                      |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>NAVIGATING WITH GPS</b>                                               |                                                                                             | Tues. Oct. 21 to Nov. 4  | \$ 35 member     |
|                                                                          | John Naylor                                                                                 |                          | \$ 45 non member |
| Basics of Global Positioning Systems and Navigation using GPS            |                                                                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>SEAMANSHIP SAIL</b>                                                   |                                                                                             | Tue. Sept. 9 to Nov. 18  | \$100 member     |
|                                                                          | Clive Griffiths                                                                             |                          | \$120 non member |
| <b>INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES</b>                                          |                                                                                             | Tue. Nov. 18 to Dec. 2   | No Cost          |
| <b>Classes start at 7:00 PM</b>                                          | <b>First day Registration starts at 6:30 PM</b>                                             |                          |                  |
| <b>Classes held at:</b>                                                  | <b>Earl Marriot Secondary School</b>                                                        |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>15751 16th Avenue</b>                                                                    |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>Surrey, B.C.</b>                                                                         |                          |                  |
| <b>Register by mailing cheque to :</b>                                   | <b>White Rock Squadron</b>                                                                  |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>P.O. Box 499, 800 15355 24th Avenue</b>                                                  |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>Surrey, B.C., V4A 2H9</b>                                                                |                          |                  |
| <b>For further information:</b>                                          | <b>Contact the Squadron at 604-515-5566</b>                                                 |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>Training Officer at 604-538-6226</b>                                                     |                          |                  |
|                                                                          | <b>or refer to <a href="http://www.whiterocksquadron.org">www.whiterocksquadron.org</a></b> |                          |                  |

# FALL DINNER/DANCE

NOVEMBER 8, 2003

ELKS HALL,  
1469 GEORGE STREET, WHITE ROCK.

COCKTAILS: 6:30

DELUXE BUFFET & DESSERT TABLE  
LIVE MUSIC

TICKETS: \$20.00 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM GEORGIE @ 542-5599

## Great Ideas

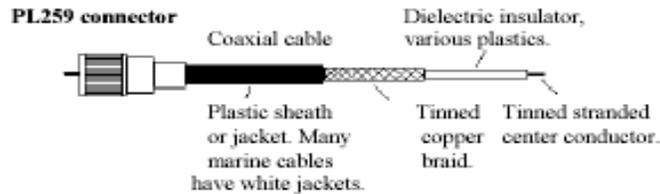
When your District Officers return from National Conferences, they bring with them information from the various committees as to the state of CPS. But where does all of this information come from? The answer is you. You, the members, through your Squadron Officers, have a direct impact on what happens to CPS, who then take this information to their District counterparts who pass it on to the National Officers. In this way, although it takes time, your ideas, concerns and suggestions are heard and discussed at all levels of CPS. Your Elected Officers cannot always have all the answers to all of the questions or problems, but we do have an ocean full of members to canvas for help.

The different levels of CPS are sometimes drawn as a triangle with the Operating Committee and Governing Board members at the apex, with the Districts in the center and the Squadrons and members forming the bottom of the triangle, but I would like to invert this triangle to have the members and Squadrons on the top because it is the members who are CPS, with the other levels working for you. We all have a stake in what happens to our organization, and too often we hear people say 'what good does my voice have in this organization when I am not on one of the elected positions'. Express your concerns to one of your Squadron Officers, or attend one of the Squadrons' monthly meetings and voice your concerns. You have a right to attend these meetings and an obligation to pass on your ideas so that all the members may benefit from them. Become active in small ways to help your Squadron and by doing so you are helping all of us in Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

Norm Headrick,  
Commander, Pacific Mainland District

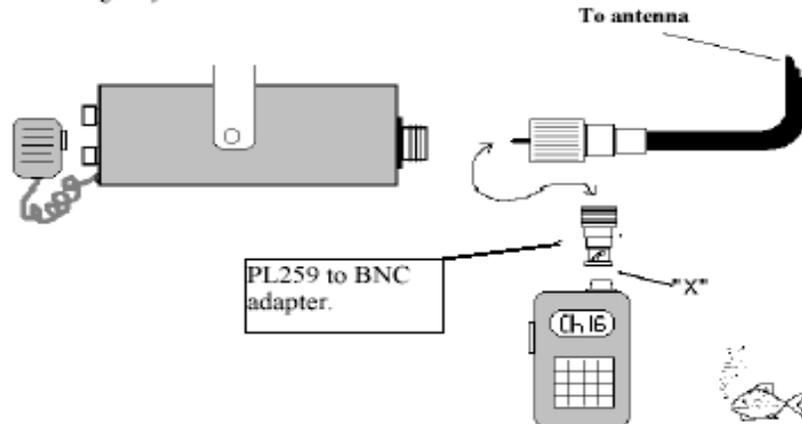
## Common cables and connectors used with marine VHF radios.

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### **BNC connector**

Most marine antenna cables use PL259 connectors at the transceiver end. PL259 connectors will be found on both large and small coaxial cables such as RG8, RG213 (large) and RG58, RG316 (smaller cables). The larger cables will be most often used on sailboats where the cable runs are long. Larger cables have a lower signal loss. There are many coaxial cables within the RG series that are not suited for marine use. Good quality marine cables have tinned braid and stranded tinned center conductors. Foam dielectric has been known to permit water seepage into the cable and is not recommended in a marine environment. Handheld units which have a removable antenna often use BNC/TNC type connectors. If your unit has this feature it can be connected to your main antenna with a PL259 to BNC adapter. Your boat's main antenna can increase the range of your handheld unit.



Sailboat connections may not have sufficient "slack", or the cable may be too rigid to permit a practical connection using the adapter. If your handheld has a SMA connector the adapter described will not work. In such situations a length of RG58 cable with appropriate connectors can be used.

Kevin Dean  
VE0MRT

## Galvanic Isolators: Don't Plug-in Without One!

To all boaters that plug into shore AC outlets at a marina:

Read the article at <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/galvanic/default.asp>

## Pictures of the Squadron booth during Spirit of the Sea weekend...



### Reminder:

To access **Members Moorings** on the CPS Web site ([www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca)), you need to first enter your Membership Certificate Number, and then your postal code, including the space.

You will find lots of interesting information, latest news and changes affecting your Squadron, as well as many links to publications and boating related sites.

## Cruise Master Report...



### SQUADRON CELEBRATES CANADA DAY WEEKEND AT OTTER BAY

White Rock Squadron members gathered at Otter Bay on North Pender Island to celebrate Canada's birthday.

Participating boats were Freedom Too, Kazbar, Carousel, Sun Times, Rose Marie, Kitiwake, Wight Mist and Aftica.

All arrived on a beautiful hot and sunny Saturday, June 28. The crew of the Freedom Too and Wight Mist went for a dinghy ride and were greeted to a killer whale show off the Otter Bay ferry dock. All enjoyed a get together under perfect weather conditions.

On Sunday, June 29 Barry, Ken, Terry, Sandy, MaryLou, Denise and Ken P took on the nine challenging holes at the Otter Bay golf course. Great fun and great exercise chasing for lost golf balls.....

The afternoon was cool and windy with some showers but the weather broke for a wonderful potluck held by Kitiwake.

Crib tournament winners were Rosemary taking first place honors, Sandy grabbed second place and Barbara of Calgary took third. It was a lovely evening of fellowship and fun.

On Monday, June 30, some headed to Port Sidney, some stayed over and others returned to home ports .

Barry Baniulis  
Cruise Master



Blindfold dinghy race at Snug Cove.



PMD Commander Norm at Snug Cove

## 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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## Boat sinks off Squirrel Cove

By Barry Baniulis, Cruise Master

It was Thursday, July 17 - a beautiful hot sunny day in Desolation sound.

My wife Rosemary and I had just departed the Squirrel Cove store in our dinghy when I remarked about a nice Grand Banks coming down Lewis Channel and preparing a turn into the entrance of Squirrel.

Rosemary took the tiller for a moment, my attention was distracted by the scenery when she exclaimed *the boat is sinking!!*

I quickly looked over and saw the Baby banks had gone hard aground off Boulder Point and was sitting at a 45 degree angle.

We quickly headed off to the scene motioning another larger Zodiac in the area to the scene.

When we arrived an elderly gentlemen said "there's no problem - I'm a member of vessel assist and we have hailed them."

I told him in no uncertain terms to contact the coast guard on 16 and to issue a Mayday, which he was reluctant to do but others in dinghies reiterated my instructions. His elderly wife was jammed between two seats up on the bridge and had difficulty moving, but did make a mayday call.

Seas were calm but the tide was rising, There was the smell of diesel in the air and a light sheen on the water.

The owner tossed 50 feet of line over the side requesting a Zodiac take it and tie it to the marker indicating the reef, saying over and over he thought he had cleared it.

At high tide perhaps he could have got away with it !! →

Coast Guard responded with a rescue Zodiac based in Cortes Bay. A member went aboard and ordered the couple off the boat, which was called "Pipe Dream", from Orcas Island.

They had to slide the wife from the bridge under a railing into the Coast Guard Zodiac and then transfer them to a friend's dinghy, which took them to dry land at Squirrel Cove.

The Coast Guard was joined by another rescue Zodiac from Big Bay and then the cutter Pointe Race arrived on the scene.

At one time they had four pumps going and a call was put out for any boats in the immediate area with gas powered pumps to lend a hand but with little result. The crews did a grand job but with the boat hard aground and a rising tide it was to no avail and the water continued to inch its way up over the boat.

At this time I was in danger of running out of fuel so at 6 PM we scurried back to the Freedom Too at anchor in Squirrel Cove, put on fuel, plus the fuel tank , and went back to the scene in about 25 minutes.

We arrived in time to see the bimini slide under the water and debris float to the surface which Coast Guard members gathered up.

The next morning we returned to the scene. The boat had broken free during the night and had drifted a 100 plus yards to the West with only the antenna and dinghy showing.

A fish boat had a line on the wreckage and was waiting for a salvage tug from Campbell River.

Needless to say it was a write-off and a sad end to a trip for a couple who had been boating for 50 plus years and were heading South and home.

He only escaped with his wallet and some phone numbers while divers had to go down and retrieve medications for the lady.

Lessons to be learned from this event:

**Know your position at all times** and have a escape bag ready to go with all valuable papers: wallets, documentations, etc.

