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The ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power and Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Report from your Commander



How has your summer been so far? The weather was 'iffy' until the middle of July, but outstanding since then. We've enjoyed lots of sunshine and warm temperatures, which are conducive to good boating. There have even been some decent breezes for the sailors, which too often is not the case during the summer months. I trust that you've been able to get in some quality time on the water, and will have an opportunity for more during September before the boating season tapers down.

To highlight squadron activities since our last issue of The Anchorline, this year White Rock Squadron hosted the Annual General Meeting / Change of Watch for Pacific Mainland District on May 27th and 28th at the Sheraton Guildford Inn. The highlight of the event was the Commander's Ball on the Saturday evening, with entertainment provided by the Dal Richards Orchestra. Hats off to our committee which met regularly from January through May to plan and prepare for the event. There were no hiccups and we've received glowing attributes on our performance. On top of that, we were able to stay well within our budget. This was only achieved through the hard work and dedication of the entire committee. I am looking forward to presenting our report at the next District meeting on September 12th.

We also manned a booth on the pier at this year's Sea Festival on July 30th and 31st to promote CPS and the courses offered by our squadron. Interest shown by the public was significant, and hopefully will be reflected in student enrollment this fall.

As is customary each year, squadron cruises organized by Barry Baniulis were scheduled for the long weekends. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Barry was not available for an extended cruise this year.

We are currently gearing up for our fall classes, which will start on Tuesday September 13th and Wednesday, September 14th. Perhaps you have noticed that the new marine radios have a feature called 'Digital Selective Calling' (DSC). The radio course has been upgraded to include DSC training; perhaps it's time for you to take a refresher and get the DSC endorsement.

We're currently in the early planning stages for some social educational evenings, and will be promoting these on our website and in future editions of The Anchorline. I encourage our squadron members to attend these events, which are intended to address a topic of interest and provide an evening out with fellow boaters. Our Bridge is particularly interested in developing programs that appeal to our overall squadron membership. I'm looking forward to an active program this season, and would appreciate your input on how we can enhance the service that we offer.

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Would you like to be an Instructor?

White Rock Squadron is in need of additional instructors to help us continue teaching safe boating. All of our instructors are volunteers who are committed to helping others through sharing their knowledge and experience in boating. For those with the boating knowledge, but no teaching experience, we will be arranging an Instructors Training Course this fall. If you are interested please contact Gerry Spence, Training Officer, at spencegl@telus.net or 604-531-9817.

2005 Fall Course Schedule

Evening	Course	Starts	Ends	Pre-Requisite	Cost
Tuesday	Boating	Sept 13	Dec 13	None	\$195 single/\$320 couple
	Piloting	Sept 13	Dec 13	Boating	\$100 CPS Members
	Celestial Navigation	Sept 13	Continuation of Spring course		No new students
	Marine Radio Seminar	Oct 18	Nov 8	None	\$50 CPS Members \$60 Non-Members
Wednesday	Boating	Sept 14	Dec 14	None	\$195 single/\$320 couple
	Weather (Fundamentals)	Sept 14	Nov 26	None	\$100 Members \$120 Non-Members

All courses given at Earl Marriott Secondary School, 15751 - 16th Avenue, South Surrey.
Pre-register by mailing in registration form, or register at 1830 the first evening of the course.
Courses are one evening per week, from 1900 to 21009.



Had they taken the Boating course...

Picture taken by Leslie Wells at Secret Cove.

Miscellaneous News

Canadian Hydrographic Service Visit - Make sure you mark Saturday, November 26th on your calendar as a tentative date to visit Canadian Hydrographic Service and the marine radar facility in Sidney, B.C. Also, a tour on the bridge of the B.C. Ferry on the same visit is a possibility. Make sure you join us for this one!

CHS is currently trying to coordinate a few of their speakers for White Rock Squadron events this fall. Watch for further details.

CHS reports they are currently working on a new version of the Cruising Atlas and Small Craft charts, as well as on charts for the Inside Passage, in conjunction with B.C. coast pilots.

CCG Radio Frequency Change - Just a reminder, concurrent with the VHF Replacement project CCG will be re-programming Victoria and Vancouver MCTS Centre radios from 22a to 83a thereby changing the primary work frequency from VHF channel 22a to Channel 83a (157.175 MHz) on the South Coast. Other sites will be reprogrammed from 22a to 83a concurrent with the VHF Replacement project. Marine Radios on the market have the ability to work on both 22a and 83a.

Compliance Labels – another reminder - correspondence from Transport Canada indicates that they intend to pursue the requirement for these decals on all motorized vessels. It is expected that a notice will be sent out shortly, to recreational boaters, boat manufacturers, boat importers and brokers. For further information, it is suggested that a copy of TP1332 (Canadian Construction Standards) be obtained. TP1332 may be found at www.tc.gc.ca/MarineSafety/tp/TP1332/menu , or by contacting the Office of Boating Safety at 1-800-267-6687 or www.boatingsafety.gc.ca .

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The **Small Vessel Regulations** are to be amended to incorporate Secondary HIN (Hull Identification Number) in both pleasure and non-pleasure boats. “Cut-offs” for classification of small vessels for both pleasure and non-pleasure craft in future are to be: 6 metres, 9 metres (previously 8 metres), and 12 metres.

Shirley H. Shea,
Squadron Programs Officer
PMD Marep Officer

Department of Fisheries and Oceans launches Draft Recovery Strategy to protect BLUE, FIN and SEI whales in Canada's Pacific waters

VANCOUVER – Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, announced a draft Recovery Strategy designed to promote the recovery of blue, fin and sei whale populations in Canada's Pacific waters.

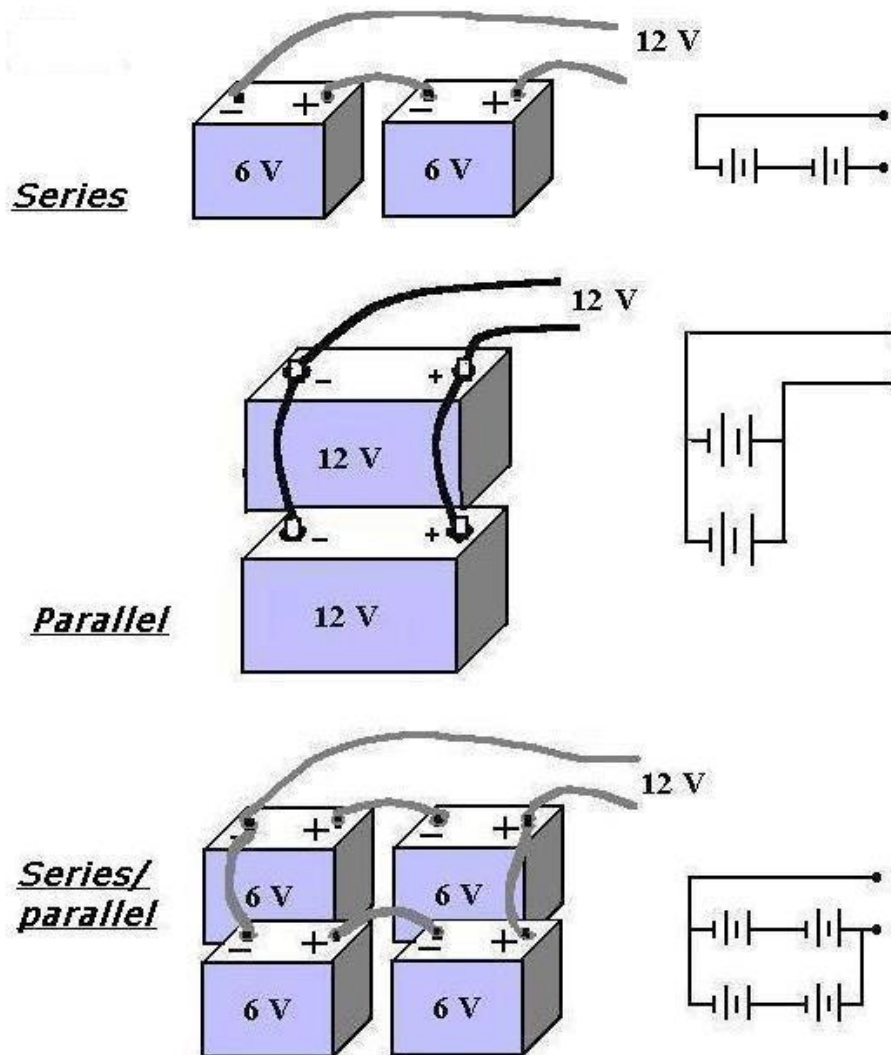
“The recovery strategy will outline the goals, objectives, key knowledge gaps and strategies we need to address the current threats to these magnificent marine mammals,” said Minister Regan. “An important component will be hearing from the public and engaging in a dialogue to assist us in recovery efforts.”

The blue whale is the largest known animal to have ever existed on the planet, reaching lengths of up to 29.5 metres. Fin and sei whales are two of the fastest swimming whale species, with sei whales averaging a speed of approximately 17 kilometres an hour, or nine knots. These species exist in all oceans of the world. The decline of blue, fin and sei whales was the result of commercial whaling. At least 7,605 fin whales, 4,002 sei whales and 650 blue whales were taken by coastal whaling stations in British Columbia between 1900 and 1967. Both the blue and sei whales are listed as endangered under Canada's Species At Risk Act (SARA) The fin whale is under consideration for SARA listing.

The draft Recovery Strategy document will be posted on the DFO web site for public comment August 19, 2005. The public will have until September 16, 2005, in which to provide comments. For those interested in viewing the draft documents, please visit the following DFO web site: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sara/default_e.htm.

Following this consultation period, DFO will incorporate the public's comments into the Recovery Strategy, and the document will then be sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to post to the SARA Public Registry <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/> for a 60-day public comment period prior to being finalized.

Battery Arrangement



COMMON BATTERY ARRANGEMENTS ON BOARD

The above sketches show the various arrangements on board a boat with a 12 volt system. If you are not already familiar with how your batteries can be connected this simple diagram will help. Usually boats with sleeping facilities will have at least two batteries. One for starting and a second to provide "house" service. These are usually connected through a battery switch which permits the selection of battery 1, or 2 or both, or off for both. Safe boating.

Kevin Dean VE7CFS/VE0MRT

Our Easter Cruise: Lessons in Marine Weather Forecasts

Brenda and I had been looking forward to our first cruise of the boating season and our Squadron's first cruise to Port Sidney over the Easter weekend. Our eldest daughter, Larisa, was able to join us for part of the weekend. *Summer Winds*, our Ericson 27 had a fresh coat of bottom paint and had been re-stocked for the new season. The weather forecast was a bit spotty, though. There were a series of fronts moving in from the Pacific that promised variable conditions, at best. We have played hide 'n seek with weather fronts before so the weather forecast, though worth watching, was not going to be a big concern.

On Good Friday we had a good sail across the Straits with winds from the South East, mostly around 15 knots. In the early afternoon near East Point, the wind had fell off (as it usually does) to the point where we had to engage the "iron wind" for the last couple of hours before reaching Bedwell Harbour on South Pender. We had planned to spend the first night in Poet's Cove Marina and we arrived in plenty of time to have a swim and a hot tub.

The weather forecast for that evening had called for increased winds. The wind came and we were buffeted in our slip quite severely for most of the night. By morning, the wind had eased a bit and I was able to row out to pick up the crab trap that I had set in the evening before. Breakfast was fresh crab and scrambled eggs. Then, the wind started to pick up again.

We had planned to sail an easy three hours to Port Sidney that afternoon. The weather observations were still indicating strong winds and significant seas in Haro Straits. The forecast called for worse. We talked to a power boater who had pulled in around noon. He basically said, "Don't go out there." (but, he was a power boater, so what does he know!) So, should we push on to Port Sidney and beat ourselves up for three or four hours or should we just go for another swim in the pool and have an early pub dinner? The vote was two to zero for the pool. Sometimes I don't get a vote.

That night the wind howled and we were once again buffeted in our slip for most of the night as the wind howled. But, by end of breakfast we decide to cast off and head for Port Sidney. After an easy sail we arrived in Port Sidney, as it turned out, soon after our Cruise Master Barry, and mate, Rosemary, had pulled out. Freedom Too was the only vessel to make the Squadron's cruise.

That afternoon we put Larisa on the bus as she had to re-

turn to work the next day. The next morning we motored up to the North Saanich Marina where we had arranged to have some equipment installed in *Summer Winds* on Easter Monday. The winds in Haro Strait were picking up again.

We stayed at the marina that night and planned to sail home the next day. The marine weather forecasts were not encouraging. Three successive forecast updates, the last being at 0400 Tuesday morning, called for winds of 20 – 30 knots in the morning followed by Gale Force winds in the afternoon in both Haro Strait and Georgia Strait. We have sailed *Summer Winds* in 30 knots of wind before. We have confidence in her, but she's certainly not a comfortable sail in such conditions. What bothered me most were the consistent calls for Gale force winds in the afternoon in Georgia Strait, which would be about the time that we would be crossing. We couldn't go out for a look and then make a decision, as aborting the crossing would have us duck back into one of the Pender Islands. Both of us had commitments at work the next day and it would have been nearly impossible to take a ferry home from Pender. So it had to be the whole trip or stay in port. We decided to stay in port. We motored back to Port Sidney, made arrangements to leave *Summer Winds* there until the next weekend, and then we took the bus to the ferry.

My heart sank as we crossed Georgia Strait that afternoon. Judging from the pattern of white caps, the winds in the Strait were no more than 15 – 20 knots. We could have had a great sail home!

So, why weren't we sailing? We had diligently listened to successive marine weather forecasts. We didn't have the opportunity to "stick our nose" into the Strait and see for ourselves. We decided to go with the best information that we had. If we weren't prepared to heed the marine weather forecasts, in the absence of any other information, why were we listening to them at all? And, if you can't trust your local weatherman, who can you trust?

I don't know if Gale Force winds did develop later that day, but we had made the right decision. We had had a great Easter weekend cruise.

Harald Hanssen

Cruise Master Reports...



Eighteen Boaters Celebrate Queen's Birthday

Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island attracted nine boats and 18 participants for the White Rock Power Squadron Victoria Day long weekend cruise.

This great little marina off Separation Point at Samsun Narrows off Cowichan Bay drew the following boats on Saturday May 21...

Goosebumps with Ted and Gladys Loggins aboard, Kitiwake with Ken and Flo Penny, Carousel with Denise Stevenson, Freedom Too with Barry Baniulis and Rosemary Courtney, Kazbar with Terry and Pat Nagy, Halifax Jack with John and Susan McLellan, Dreamkeeper with Peter and Donna Ganz and the crew of Acadia were Andrew and Donna Pothier, Ann Pothier, Alicia Pothier and Jason Chen. Alicia was the only one to catch a fish off the dock !!

Happy hour was held on Acadia to officially christen the new craft and wish god speed to all who voyage in her.

All took the opportunity to dine out at the Genoa Bay Cafe at the head of the dock..great food and company. Rain and wind swept through the marina in the late evening as remnants of a frontal system struck the coast. Sunday morning saw blue skies and cloudy periods which gave way to four hours of off and on rain showers from noon to 5 pm which didn't deter the boat hopping, and some even walked to Maple Bay and return... about six miles round trip.

Potluck dinner was served on the Acadia and everyone sampled a variety of delicious dishes.

A Squadron crib tournament was held in the evening with 12 participants. First place honors went to Donna Ganz, second place to Andrew Pothier and third to Ann Pothier.

The evening concluded with more fun aboard the Acadia.

Boaters were greeted with blue skies and smooth seas on Monday morning as returns were made to home marinas.

Fireworks Welcome Canada's Birthday

Ganges threw out the welcome mat for members of the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron attending the July 1 group cruise.

Boats gathering under bright and sunny skies the afternoon of July 1 were Freedom Too, Carousel, Halifax Jack, Arendal, Touch of Blue, Kazbar, Dreamkeeper, Legally Wild, Sea Jack and Sinecuara.

A grand happy hour with plenty of stories told..some clouds were evident but no rain fell..

All enjoyed a 25 minute fireworks show over the Ganges inner harbor that evening.

On Saturday some went golfing, some just loafed about while others participated in the great farmers market. A wonderful potluck dinner attracted 24 boaters. The evening crib tournament involved 20 players and five boats.. Great fun....

First place honors to Susan from Halifax Jack, second place to Lorne off Legally Wild while third place honors went to Andrew from Acadia.

On Sunday five boats went to Montague while the balance departed for home ports.

Those going to Montague were Freedom Too, Arendall, Dreamkeeper, Kazbar and Legally Wild.

The Dreamkeeper crew hosted a very happy happy hour and those from Arendall, Kazbar and Freedom Too took the pub bus to the Hummingbird Pub for a night of good food, drink and even some pool.

Smooth , smooth seas greeted Dreamkeeper, Kazbar and Freedom Too on the return across the Strait.

Barry Baniulis
Cruisemaster

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Some shots from our District AGM...



Bridge arriving at Head Table



Commander Anne MacDonald



Lottery Wheel Marilyn



Happy auction winners



Vigilantes ready for action



Keeping an eye on the game

For more pictures, go to <http://www.whiterocksquadron.org/photogallery.htm>

Volunteers Needed

Nicomekl Rowing Club is holding its annual regatta on Saturday, October 8th. They are looking for volunteers with small boats to help as safety boats and marshals along the river. If you are prepared to help, please call Malcolm Fletcher at 604 531 3603 or e-mail fletchers@telus.net.

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.

