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THE ANCHORLINE

Commander's report...



As the Christmas season is fast approaching, on behalf of my fellow bridge members, I would like to wish all those in the boating community a very safe and enjoyable holiday season.

The national conference in Saint John, N.B. was attended by five members from our squadron. They were D/C Norm Headrick, Anne Headrick, STO Shirley Shea, Carlos Fuenzalida and yours truly. It was exciting and very interesting to see how CPS operates. We all met new people and were once again able to visit with old friends. Some of the meetings were long but the necessary business was accomplished and it was satisfying to know we were part of the decision making in a great organization. The next national conferences will be held in Toronto 2004, Winnipeg 2005, and Vancouver 2006. I hope to see some of you at one or more of these locations.

Our squadron dinner and dance on Nov. 8th was a roaring success thanks to all the hard work of Georgie Paone and her helpers. The dinner was excellent and the music terrific as we danced till midnight. I'm sure many of us had sore leg muscles when morning came. The only sad note was that I didn't win a prize. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and hope to see you all again in February for our Italian dinner and dance.

Some students have already written VHF, GPS, Seamanship Sail, or PCOC exams. Congratulations to those students who have completed their courses and passed the exam. The Boating and Piloting courses are near completion and exams will be held on Dec. 9th and 10th. I'd like to wish those students good luck with their studies and we have a surprise for the student with the highest mark. I hope all of you continue on to further your boating knowledge with another one of our courses in January.

Andrew Pothier
Commander

Seasons Greetings !!



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And a big and warm welcome to our new member **Penny Handford**

Gift ideas from CPS stores...

Please contact Supply Officer Erik Laursen at
604-803-1795 for prices and availability.



Black T-shirt



Navy blue jacket



Navy blue golf shirt



Tie, hat, mug, burgee



Spring 2004 Course Schedule

Course	Dates	Instructor	Room	Cost
Weather	Tue. Jan 13 to Apr 20	Ken Penny	116	\$100 member \$120 non member
Boating (1)	Tue. Jan 13 to Apr 20	Lorne G. Wells	114	\$175 Single \$275 Couple
Boating (2)	Wed. Jan 14 to Apr 21	Sandy Wightman	118	as above
Boating (3)	Wed. Jan 14 to Apr 21	Lorne R. Wells	114	as above
Piloting or Advanced Piloting	Tue. Jan 13 to Apr 20 Pre-registration required	Harald Hanssen	118	\$100 members only
Boat Pro	Tue. Mar 23 to Apr 13	Tom Fee	110	\$ 70
VHF Radio	Tue. Feb 24 to Mar 9	Brian McMurdo	112	\$ 45 member \$ 55 non member
Seamanship Sail	Wed. Jan 14 to April 21	John Naylor	110	\$100 member \$120 non member
Marine Electronics	Wed. Jan 14 to Apr 21 Pre-registration required	Kevin Dean	116	\$100 member \$120 non member

Classes held at:
Earl Marriot Secondary School
15751 16th Avenue
Surrey, B.C.

Classes start at 7:00 PM First day registration starts at 6:30 PM

Register by mailing cheque to: **White Rock Squadron**
P.O. Box 499, 800 15355 24th Avenue
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**For further information call the Squadron at 604-515-5566
or visit www.whiterocksquadron.org**



Navy blue fleece vest



White turtleneck



CPS Bomber jacket



Something about radios...

FRS RADIOS AND PLEASURE BOATING

FRS radios are small hand held units which can provide high quality communications over distances of 1 to 2 nautical miles, even greater distances over open water. They are not intended to replace VHF marine radios. FRS radios can provide communication services between that offered by VHF radio and cell phones.

Industry Canada approved FRS radio operation in Canada April 3, 2000. There are no license requirements, and there are no fees or charges, only the cost of battery replacement. You may have also heard about General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) which are similar type radios that operate in the same UHF band. GMRS radios are used in the U.S. but they are not approved for use in Canada (as of 26 Aug 03). GMRS radios have a higher output power - 5 watts. A license is required to operate GMRS radios in the U.S.

Some basic features FRS radios:

Hand held (small compact)
Max power output 500 milliwatts (1/2 watt)
14 channels in UHF band (462.5625 - 467.7125 MHz)
Frequency modulation
Fixed short antenna (about 3 inches)

Some additional features:

38 sub codes (see text)
Lock button (ensures channels are not accidentally changed)
Microphone speaker jack - provides hands free operation.
Battery pack charger

There are various other features, but the above listed are perhaps the most common and beneficial to boaters.

The more complex units have 38 sub codes, called CTCSS (Continuous Tone-Controlled Squelch System). This group of audio tones are used for control purposes in many communications systems. The tones or codes do not provide any more channels. There are only 14 FRS channels. The tones, when applied to your selected channel, will "open the squelch" which in effect turns on your speaker. There can be conversations on any channel but you won't hear it unless your sub code has been transmitted/received. If you do not have a sub code activated you will hear any conversation on any channel, just as you would on any VHF marine channel.

There are a couple of manufacturers which produce FRS sets with a speech privacy provision. This is a simple system which inverts the speech frequencies.

Garmin sells GPS/FRS combination sets under the name Rino 110, and Rino 120. Your position can be transmitted via FRS frequencies and displayed on other Rino sets. You can also use the voice feature of the radio. Some sets contain am/fm radios, and weather channels. In the future we will no doubt see other combinations using FRS radios.

FRS radios are great when cruising with other boats. These little radios can provide good communication with friends at anchor or when underway without tying up the marine channels.

A twin pack of FRS radios with rechargeable batteries can be bought for about \$80.00. My recommendation would be to choose radios which are powered by AA batteries which provide more power (longer) and are less expensive than AAA batteries. Great little radios; could even be a good idea for a Christmas gift. Safe boating.

Kevin Dean
VE7CFS/VE0MRT



Training Officer's report...



Season's Greeting to all!

The Spring session is all organized and instructors committed. Classes begin again on January 13 and 14 at Earl Marriott Secondary. We would ask for as much pre-registration as possible, particularly on the Marine Electronics, Piloting or Advanced Piloting classes as they will only be ran with significant student interest.

As the fall session comes to a close **many thanks** to all the volunteers for **hours spent** in training and registrations. Boating instructor Ken Penny and proctors Carroll Guichon, Jack Sutherland, Veronica Neufeld and Mike Henry. Clive Griffiths and new proctor Gail Batch for Seamanship Sail...

Don Walser and proctor Rick Hepting for an excellent Piloting course

Sandy Wightman, Rob Milne, Lorne G Wells and Peter Ganz for their interesting Boating Course and Lorne R Wells for many years of teaching the Boating Course with proctors Peter Sturkenboom, Ralph Fraser, Erik Laursen & Sue Kendall.

VHF Brian McMurdo and Harald Hanssen always teaching a very "affirmative" radio course

John Toews & Steve Taylor with the GPS Seminar and new exam. Hope we all passed!

Thanks to Marilyn Mitchell and Stephen Stewart for superb Boat Pro Classes.

Special thanks to Veronica and Mike for their dedication and to Treasurer Ted MacKinnon and ATO Tom Fee for all the contributions to running a successful session. I would also mention Patt Nagy, Anne Headrick, Evelyn Walser, MaryLou Wightman, Kevin Dean, Barry Baniulis, John Naylor and Georgie Paone for contributions.

And most important thank you Commander Andrew for the help & guidance.

Grad for the classes will be held at Crescent Beach Yacht Club, 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening, January 26, 2004.

Come help us celebrate the accomplishments of the fall classes.

I was fortunate to attend the National Convention in Saint John, New Brunswick. The best news for the training department is that USPS & CPS have signed an agreement to share their training materials from this point on.

In the marketing area, CIL & Orion are proposing a possible programme for flare demo but this will not be considered until March or April 2004. Also, I would encourage all members to go online, to Members Moorings, and participate in the marketing survey produced by the Marketing Dept. Your input is very valuable at the National level.

To you and yours, may you have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Shirley Shea
STO

Congratulations to the following students for their success in obtaining the Restricted Operator's Certificate (VHF), taught by instructors Brian McMurdo & Harald Hanssen:

Raymond Betts

Ross Brearley

Jack Ferguson

Jane Goundrey

Ryan Hanger

Robert Jutras

Gerald Kirk

Oscar Marin-Castaneda

Iris Peacosh

Richard Peacosh

Stephen Pollard

Kelley Pollock

Terry Pollock

Mark Schiefner

John Todd

Willem Van Slot

George Lott



We are very sad to inform our membership that long time boater and member of the Squadron Mona Bateman passed away on November 11th. She was a member of the Bridge and Historian for many years. She will be deeply missed.



Italian Night

Dinner & Dance

Live Music

February 7, 2004

Cocktails: 6:30pm

Flks Lodge

1469 George St.

White Rock, B.C.

Tickets: \$20.00

Tickets are on sale NOW.
Call Georgie at (604) 542-5599

Winterizing your boat...

The summer fun is but a memory now and the time has come to winterize your boat adopting environmentally sound procedures and providing maximum protection for your boat. The following suggestions are taken from 'The Enviro Boater', a guide to environment-friendly boating, published by Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons:

OIL: Change the oil before winter storage to eliminate residual acids and moisture in the crankcase. A marina has the staff, the tools and the know-how to do this job properly. For do-it-yourself types, take the old oil to the marina or a service station to be recycled. Keep it well away from the waterways.

FUEL: Add a fuel stabilizer to fuel tanks before winter arrives, to avoid deterioration of fuel quality and needless dumping of stale fuel in the spring. Leave tanks close to full. This will reduce condensation and corrosion, but leave room for expansion when things warm up, thus avoiding a possible fuel spill.

ANTIFREEZE: Avoid ethylene glycol antifreeze. It has a toxicity level that could be harmful to the water. A low-toxic propylene glycol-type antifreeze is widely available and designed for marine engines. It can also be used safely in hoses and holding tanks. Ask the marina if it has a system to remove old antifreeze, and recycle it for reuse the following season.

BATTERIES: Prevent battery cells from freezing and creating a possible hazard. Make sure the cells are filled with distilled water, and that the battery is fully charged. Clean the terminals with baking soda, rinse with cold water, wipe dry, then coat the terminals and cable ends with petroleum jelly to prevent corrosion. Batteries are best stored on a wooden board in a cool garage. When new batteries are needed, be sure to recycle the old ones. Many service stations will accept old batteries, and a number of retailers offer a credit for the old when purchasing a new one.

BOAT COVERS: While shrink-wrap may work well, tarps are a better alternative. They last longer and are safer enviro-wise. The best choice for an environment-friendly boater.

Marilyn Mitchell
Environment Officer



2004 Cruising Schedule



Please complete and submit asap to : **Barry Baniulis**
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604-542-0519
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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 – April 9, 10, 11 – **Port Sidney**
- Victoria Day weekend – May 22, 23, 24 – **Telegraph Harbour**
- Canada Day weekend – July 1, 2 – **Ganges Marina**
- Extended cruise – an exploration of **Desolation sound and points north**. Departs July 24 returning August 15. This is a three-week cruise up the coast returning via the Vancouver Island side. Itinerary is under development.
- Labor Day weekend – September 4, 5, 6 – **Port Browning – Pender Island**

PLEASE CHECK THE CRUISES YOU WILL ATTEND

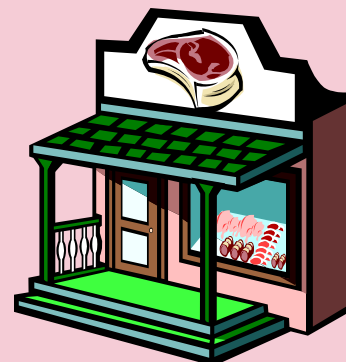
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Telephone.....email.....

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

Meet your 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.





A bit of humor...

One man's hobby was fishing. He spent all his weekends on the river or lake, paying no attention to weather. One Sunday, early in the morning, he went to the river, as usual. It was cold and raining, so he decided to return back to his house. He came in, went to his bedroom, undressed and laid near his wife.

"What a terrible weather today, honey," he said to her.

"Yes, and my idiot husband went fishing!"

An elderly fisherman wrote to a mail order house the following: "Please send me one of those gasoline engines for my boat you show on page 438, and if it's any good, I'll send you a check." In a short time he received the following reply: "Please send check. If it's any good, we will send the engine."

"Mommy, can I swim out to where the waves are breaking?" asked the little girl. The mother shook her head firmly. "Pleeease?" she begged. "Daddy's swimming out there." "I know, darling, but he's insured".



Our Treasurer Ted MacKinnon sailing rough seas on Semiahmoo Bay



Group from Pacific Mainland District in Saint John



Blue Nose II at Lunenburg, N.S.