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THE ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock BC

Ottawa expands B.C. Coast Guard station

The Federal Fisheries Minister announced Thursday a coast guard station in British Columbia is being enhanced in response to a fishing boat tragedy that claimed five lives last summer.

The Canadian Coast Guard's Sea Island station in Richmond will soon have full-time dive teams available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to maritime emergencies in the Lower Mainland.

Fisheries Minister Robert Thibault said the expanded program will also allow divers to enter submerged vehicles and vessels.

The announcement comes almost six months after the fishing vessel Cap Rouge II capsized last August near the mouth of the Fraser River close to Vancouver. Two Coast Guard divers arrived quickly at the scene and managed to retrieve one victim by breaking a wheelhouse window.

But a federal policy barred Coast Guard divers from underwater rescues that involve cars and boats, so the divers were prevented from attempting to enter the hull. That task fell to military divers, who flew to the scene from Vancouver Island and arrived about 90 minutes after the accident.

None of the five people remaining on the boat survived. The ship's captain and a crew member had escaped as the boat capsized.

Mr. Thibault said Thursday the new staffing will allow better safety coverage along B.C.'s south coast.

"This program will complement a Coast Guard search and rescue program that is already one of the best in the world," he said in a news release. "At the same time, this investment will allow us to provide the necessary support needed to ensure the safety of our divers."

Under the enhanced program, "fully-trained divers will be allowed to enter submerged vehicles and vessels in circumstances that will not put their lives at undue risk," Fisheries and Oceans Canada said in a statement.

"The new dive program will be fully compliant with the safety regulations of the Canada Labour Code."

. . . excerpt from The Globe and Mail

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This is my first opportunity to wish many of you a Happy New Year! I trust that you are enjoying this exceptionally warm and pleasant winter. Having attended the Seattle Boat Show last month and the Vancouver Boat Show this week, I'm reminded that the boating season for 2003 is fast approaching. Time to stock up on maintenance items and make plans to prepare your boat for another summer on the water. The first squadron cruise (to Port Sidney) is planned for the Easter weekend on April 18 – 20.

Our spring classes, which commenced in early January, currently include Boating, BoatPro, Piloting, Marine Maintenance, Marine Electronics and Weather. We are pleased to report an increase in enrolment – 46 Boating students and 36 in other courses. Our District Commander has commended our squadron on the number of students we have been able to attract to the advanced and elective courses offered.

We will be starting **Navigating with GPS** on Feb 25, **BoatPro** on Mar 5 and **VHF Radio Talk** on Mar 25. Should these short courses be of interest to you or someone you know, please refer to our website at www.whiterocksquadron.org for additional information.

This is a good time to remind you that the website for Pacific Mainland District is www.powersquadron.ca and for National is www.cps-ecp.ca. I invite you to roam these sites for lots of excellent information on local and national topics of interest.

Our graduation ceremony for the fall students was held at the Crescent Beach Yacht Club on January 27th. The 50 graduates included 29 from the Boating classes, of which 14 elected to become members of our squadron, and were sworn in by Norm Headrick, District Executive Officer. Our Mini Grad is always an enjoyable evening, and the venue is certainly appropriate for the occasion.

Our next Social Education evening is scheduled for March 6th at Windsor Square. MCM Ropes will be providing a presentation on – what else? – ropes! I'm personally looking forward to this event, as I'm quite aware of the many developments in the fibre rope industry that have occurred in recent years. We have offered several Social Ed evenings this year, but attendance in large part seems to be limited to the core group in our squadron. For those of you who have waffled, you've missed some excellent presentations and an evening with friends away from the house. I hope to see you at Windsor Square on the 6th of March.

This year our **Change of Watch Ceremony** will be held at the Elks Hall on Saturday, May 3rd. We are hoping to attract a larger turnout of squadron members by keeping the price of tickets affordable, while continuing to offer good entertainment and an excellent buffet. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Finally, I remind you that our Bridge meetings are held in the back room at the ABC Restaurant on King George Hwy on the third Monday of each month. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM, but come early (any time after 6:00 PM) and join us for dinner. All members are welcome.

John Naylor
Commander

Miscellaneous News...

The Mini-grad held on January 28th for our Fall students was a great success. As a result we now have 13 new members. Welcome to all! Our White Rock Squadron membership total now stands at 356. So come on, both old and new members ... make it a date to join us on our summer long weekend rendezvous. The more the merrier!

P.S. Rememberlet me know if you want your boat name listed in the June issue of PropWash

The January issue of PROMOTO is now on the CPS Web site. Our squadron is featured on page 6 !! Go to www.cps-ecp.ca and then look for the link to Members' Moorings. PROMOTO and other items that might be of interest are there for your review.

Mary-Lou Wightman

Welcome New Members:

John and Linda Bootsma
David Elliot
Ray Girardin
Len and Julie Grenier
Nicholas Guetta

Sharon Hoyle
Wayne Kiel
Mark MacKenzie
Ted MacKinnon
John Miller
Kelley and Terry Pollock

Don Rice
Mike Roberge
Laurie Scott
Bonnie Stack
Danny Stahl
David Ward

Things you should know and pass on to others...

MAREP online: Information from the CPS MAREP Hydrographic Programme is now available on line. Visit www.cps-ecp.ca and link to Member's Moorings by entering your postal code and certificate number to download MAREP Report Forms, MAREP Marina Forms and the MAREP Manual, revised as of September 2002.

The Squadron wishes to express their appreciation to
Tim Hortons
for their contributions to our social evening events and, especially, as a comforting
treat after those sometimes grueling exams.



The new bridge for 2003-2004 is looking for a Membership Officer and for a Treasurer.
If you want to get involved,
please contact Andrew Pothier at 604-536-0430.

We are sad to report that P/Cdr. Gordon Hunter passed away on Saturday, August 17th, 2002. He was Commander of the White Rock Squadron for the 1968-1969 season. Gordon and his wife Mary were heavily involved with CPS since 1962, first in White Rock and then with Oak Bay Squadron. Our deepest condolences to Mary and family.

Vancouver International Boat Show



One of the benefits of volunteering your time to man the CPS booth...

More show news...

During Feb. 5 -9 the Pacific Mainland District of CPS operated an attractive and well-received booth at the **Vancouver International Boat Show**. White Rock was well represented by Andrew Pothier, John Naylor, Carlos Fuenzalida, Kevin Dean and Marilyn Mitchell during this successful event. The response from the public was tremendous. Many White Rock Squadron members visited the site and signed the guest book.

The next event where CPS will participate is **The Fraser Valley Boat and Sportman's Show at Tradex in Abbotsford**, scheduled for **March 7-9**. Anyone willing to contribute hours manning the booth please give me a call as scheduling for this event has already begun.

Manning the booth gives you knowledge and interaction with the other 22 squadrons in the District, their locations, the courses they offer and the content of those courses, so you can help the public choose appropriate courses, locations and availability. Of course, all this information is provided to get you well prepared... And, most of all, "sell" the much needed boating courses to the public.

Those who worked the last show experienced an opportunity to meet and appreciate other squadrons members from across the Lower Mainland, the Northern squadrons and Vancouver Island. Admittance to the show is free for volunteers. My gratitude to those participating in the boat show and please contact me if interested in Tradex. You too, will feel the satisfaction of helping others find their safe way on the water.

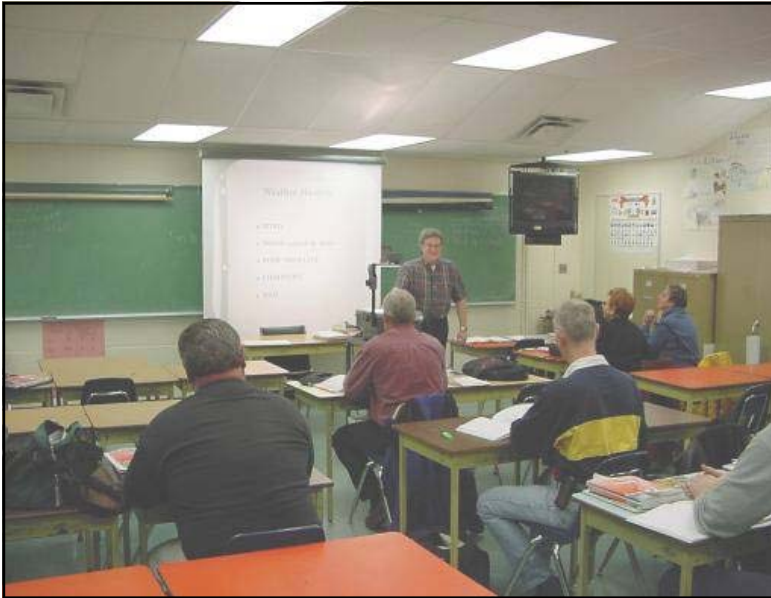
Also, The Semiahmoo Bay Regatta will be happening the April 26th weekend here in White Rock. If anyone in the squadron is interested in organizing a booth for this event, please contact our commander John Naylor or myself.

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Dates to remember:

February 24	District Training
February 25	GPS Course
March 3	Pacific Mainland District Meeting
March 5	BoatPro Course
March 6	Social Education evening at Windsor Square
March 7-9	Fraser Valley Boat and Outdoor Show, Abbotsford
March 17	Squadron Meeting
March 25	VHF Course
April 7	Pacific Mainland District Meeting
April 17	Squadron Cruise
April 26-27	Semiahmoo Bay regatta
May 3	Change of Watch Gala Event

Some of our Instructors in action...



**Instructor Don Waser
Teaching Piloting...**



**Instructor Lorne R. Wells
Teaching Boating...**



**Instructor Ken Penny
Teaching Weather...**



Evening classes coffee break, hosted by the Squadron's Socials Officer
Marilyn Mitchell



LINES



WHITE ROCK POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

Invites you to come and enjoy an informative evening and learn
The importance of having the right lines for the job

When: MARCH 6, 2003
Where: WINDSOR SQUARE
1959-152 ST., SURREY

Time: 1900 Hrs.

2003 Cruising Schedule.....



Please complete and submit asap to :

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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.

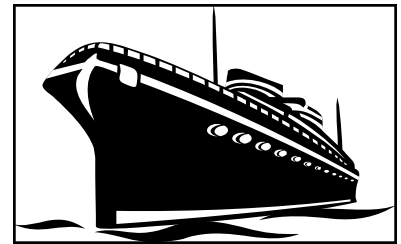
- Easter – April 18, 19, 20 – Port Sidney
- Victoria Day weekend – May 17, 18, 19 – Ganges Marina
- Canada Day weekend – June 29, 30 – Otter Bay Marina
- Extended cruise – an exploration of Desolation sound and points north. Departs July 26 returning August 17. This is a three-week cruise up the coast returning via the Vancouver island side.
- Itinerary is under development.
- Labor Day weekend – August 30, 31, September 1 – Telegraph Harbor – Thetis Island

PLEASE CHECK THE CRUISES YOU WILL ATTEND

Boat name.....Length.....Sail/Power (circle one)
Your name.....
Address.....Postal Code.....
Telephone.....email.....

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
OTTER BAY MARINA	1-250-629-3579
TELEGRAPH HARBOR MARINA	1-250-246-9511



Monthly Meetings...

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.

