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The ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power and Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Report from your Commander



Need I remind you that we're now one month into the New Year, and the days are getting longer? This seems difficult to imagine as I listen to the wind howling in the trees and the rain beating against the window. It seems like November rather than early February. We've certainly had an unusual winter, but it's time to start thinking about haul-out and bottom paint. Spring break at the school is scheduled for the week of March 13th – 17th, and by then the weather should be improving enough for you to start checking your boat over and making a '2-do' list.

The Vancouver Boat Show is just around the corner, taking place on February 8th – 12th. If it's anything like the Toronto Boat Show, which I had an opportunity to attend two weeks ago, there will be no shortage of interesting displays to check out. Once again, the squadron has obtained a quantity of tickets that we are making available at the reduced rate of \$7.00 each (regular price at the door is \$12.00). Remaining tickets are available at Earl Marriott on evenings when our classes are held.

I'd like to congratulate Harald Hanssen for doing an excellent job during the past year while instructing the Celestial Navigation course. Harald was ably assisted by proctors Norm Headrick and Tom Foxall. Although we've completed the classes, most of us are waiting for the clouds to clear so we can finish our star shots. Considering that Vancouver almost set a record for consecutive days of rain recently, the opportunities have been virtually non-existent. Oh well, summer's not that far away.

As has been our practice in recent years, we are currently running a Boating class on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Other courses offered include Maritime Radio, Global Positioning System (GPS), Global Weather and Marine Maintenance. The interest in Marine Maintenance is particularly strong this spring, with an enrollment of 23 students.

The Maritime Radio course has been expanded to include Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and now runs for 5 evenings. Documentation for both the GPS and Maritime Radio courses now includes new CD's that are complete with inter-active simulator programs, enabling you to practice your proficiency in the classroom or at home.

I'll take this opportunity to advise you of some dates for upcoming events that may be of interest. Our squadron's AGM is scheduled to be held at Windsor Square on April 24th, and our Change of Watch will take place at the Elk's Hall on May 13th. Details will appear on our website, and all are invited (even encouraged) to attend. We need your support and participation to ensure that our squadron stays healthy and continues to provide a program that is valued by its membership.

On a final note, you may recall that last year White Rock Squadron hosted the District Conference, which was held at the Sheraton Guildford. This year the honour (task) rests with Valley Squadron, and the event will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre in Abbotsford on May 26th & 27th. This is the main event of the year for the District, and will include a social evening on Friday (theme is 'Masquerade/Carnival'). The District AGM takes place on Saturday morning, followed by seminars in the afternoon and the Change of Watch, complete with dinner and dance in the evening. I anticipate the attendance on Saturday evening will approach 200 people. Details are available on the District website. Over the years I have attended a number of these conferences, and once again I'm looking forward to this year's event. I encourage you to join us in Abbotsford on the last weekend in May and meet your fellow boaters and PMD members.

John Naylor
Commander

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Membership Column

**Welcome
New Members!**

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Grant McCormack
Craig Jordan-Knox
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Raymond Hatton
David Smith
Karen Smith
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Mars Workman
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Robert Douglas
Lisa Burrows
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help us save on postage and
preserve more trees...



**Rick Hepting
1st/Lt Membership**

Thanks!

Important Dates to Remember!!

Vancouver Boat Show: February 8 to 12
Squadron AGM at Windsor Square: April 24, 1900 Hrs
Squadron Change of Watch: May 13, Elk's Hall, 1900 Hrs
District AGM and Change of Watch: May 26-27

Starting Courses: Marine Radio (VHF) - February 14th
GPS - March 21st
BoatPro - March 21st

U.S. Customs and Border Protection 2006 Pleasure Boating Clearance Procedures

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has implemented revised clearance procedures for small boats arriving in the United States from Canada. The new private boat clearance procedures are part of CBP's comprehensive efforts to improve security at the nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel, including private boaters.

The Pacific Northwest is one of the busiest international boating areas in the United States. Private boaters will be required to report to specified ports of entry for inspection if they are not currently enrolled in an **Alternative Inspection Systems Program** that would allow arrival reporting by phone. Only boaters participating in the I-68 or NEXUS/ SENTRI programs will be allowed to report their arrivals by phone. Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) issued under the old Small Boat Reporting System are no longer valid. Participation in the **Alternative Inspection Systems Program** requires the payment of a fee and passing a background check by CBP and Canadian authorities.

Participation in the I-68 program requires each applicant to appear in person for an interview at a Customs and Border Protection port of entry. Fees are \$16 (US) for an individual or \$32 (US) for a family. U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, Canadian citizens and Landed Immigrants of Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver Program countries are eligible to apply for I-68 seasonal boating permits. Private boaters are encouraged to apply BEFORE attempting their first trip to expedite the border clearance process.

NEW FOR THE 2006 BOATING SEASON

Arrivals requiring an in-person report to a CBP Officer may be made at any of the following designated ports of entry. The boat must be made available for inspection at a CBP designated area for possible boarding at the time of report. Regular hours of service are 8 A.M.–5 P.M. from September 17th to May 13th. Extended summer hours for each of the below ports are 8 A.M.–8 P.M.

Friday Harbor (360) 378-2080
Roche Harbor (360) 378-2080
Port Angeles (360) 457-4311
Point Roberts (360) 945-2314
Anacortes (360) 293-2331

All other ports will require appointments to be made in advance for face-to-face inspections.

"These revised private boating procedures enhance CBP's ability to carry out our twin goals of preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States, while at the same time facilitating legitimate travel and trade," said Thomas Hardy, Director of CBP's Seattle Field Office. "Participation in an Alternative Inspection Systems Program provides real benefits for those enrolled."

Details of the new private boating international clearance procedures are outlined in the corresponding fact sheet that can be found in the Fact Sheets section of the CBP.gov website. Boaters are encouraged to contact their nearest CBP office with questions regarding these new clearance procedures for boaters. Please refer to CBP.gov for the listing of the nearest CBP office.

Applications for NEXUS participation can be made via the NEXUS website.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control, and protection of our Nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

Related links:

http://www.customs.ustras.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/press_releases/01062006.xml

http://www.customs.ustras.gov/linkhandler/cgov/newsroom/fact_sheets/fact_sheet_reporting.ctt/fact_sheet_reporting.doc

<http://getnexus.com>

Training Department News



Gerry Spence, STO

The Bateman Trophy

We are proud to announce that the White Rock Squadron has a new trophy to recognize excellence in our students. The Mona and Bill Bateman Trophy will be awarded to the student in our Piloting class with the highest mark. For almost seventeen years the squadron has awarded the Ralph Malowney Trophy to the Boating student with the highest marks. Now we have a companion trophy to acknowledge the outstanding student in the Piloting class.

Mona and Bill Bateman have been active in the squadron for many years. Until her passing Mona and Bill were avid boaters, enjoying their pleasure in boating together. Although they both came from boating families, Bill tells us that when they took the Boating course together in 1984, they discovered that there was much they didn't know about Aids-to Navigation, Rights-of-Way, Sound Signals, etc. Well they learned their lessons well and Bill is one of the few members with the Full Certificate, SN designation.

Mona and Bill both served our squadron as Bridge members, with Bill serving as Squadron Commander 1993-94. Bill is our Squadron's Port Captain and continues his commitment to boating education as proctor of our Piloting course.

Enrollment in our spring Boating classes has reached forty-five, which is near capacity and slightly more than last spring. The Marine Maintenance course has proven very popular, with twenty-four students enrolled. The Global Weather course has attracted five students.

Our Marine Radio (VHF) course will be starting on February 14th, The BoatPro and the GPS courses will both begin on March 21st. If you would like to take these courses please visit our website at www.whiterocksquadron.org to print and mail in the registration form.

Correction to GPS Course

The Navigating with GPS course has been completely re-written and has doubled in length. Consequently we have had to re-schedule our spring course, and increase the cost.

Navigating with GPS will now start one week earlier on Tuesday March 21st, and will end one week later on April 18th. The cost of the course has been increased to \$60 for CPS members and \$75 for non-members. We apologize for any inconvenience.

To pre-register please visit our website at www.whiterocksquadron.org to print and mail in the registration form.

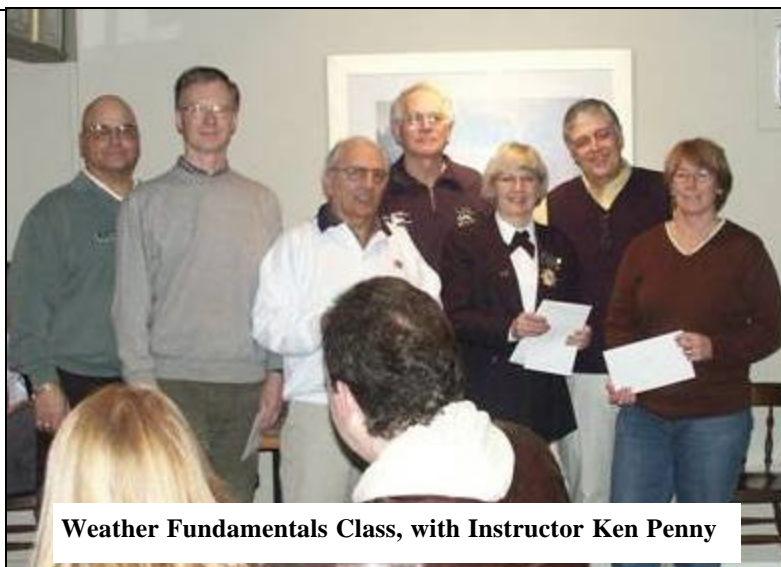
Interesting student statistics from this session :

50% learned of courses by word of mouth
20% through a website
20% through road signs

Classes evenly split between couples and single students.

60% interested in power boating
20% interested in sailing
20% interested in both power and sailing
60% own a boat
20% planning to purchase a boat

Primary reason for taking a course: Gain knowledge to enhance safety



Weather Fundamentals Class, with Instructor Ken Penny

Marep Report



Canadian Hydrographics Service and Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons Working Together - Marep Program



For the new members in our organization, the **Marep program** is a combined effort of CPS & CHS to ensure when our boaters find anything amiss on the water that it is indeed reported to CHS for Notice to Mariners and/or for Sailing Directions for updating. Here is the opportunity to use that fine training learned and earned in classes!

Maintaining the accuracy of Canadian charts is a huge ongoing process for Canadian Hydrographics and they would appreciate the added assistance of the Power Squadron members (approx. 30,000 strong across Canada) in reporting any dangers or discrepancies on the charts or navigating our channels and marinas. Due to the original historical method of lead line sampling for mapping our charts, even in the days of side scanning and GPS today, there is still a possibility that some features could have been missed on the ocean floor.



With the combined efforts of CHS, Vancouver Island South District and Pacific Mainland District and all the local squadrons, we hope to rekindle the spirit on the West Coast of active Marine Reporting. Other projects and cruises are also planned in the future for marep activities.

Reporting Procedures: First, report any significant hazards to navigation to the Canadian Coast Guard. Then, please contact your Squadron Marep Officer with the hazard report. The report forms may be found on-line at the national CPS website (www.cps-ecg.ca), go to Members Moorings, (membership number required), scroll to Marep (Canadian Hydrographics) and download reporting forms. The form is forwarded to your local Marep officer, who forwards the report to the District officer, who in turn forwards the report to CHS.

CHS also requests that we submit as many digital photos as possible with each report.

Just remember that you could be helping some poor soul who just punched a whole in his boat who is waiting anxiously for SAR (Search and Rescue) to come. Or someone waiting in the night who has the possibility of sinking. Perhaps we could and we should try to help prevent such scenarios.



D/L Shirley Shea, Marep Officer,
Pacific Mainland District

Marep Reporting - It's a Good Thing!

Fall Classes Graduation



Arn Smith receiving Ralph Malowney Trophy from Instructor Lorne Wells for obtaining 100% on Boating Class exam



Peter Ladouceur, with Cmdr. John Naylor and Instructor Lorne G. Wells, proudly displaying Bill and Mona Bateman Trophy for obtaining 100% on Piloting Class exam.



New and proud members of the Squadron, ready to take the member's pledge

For more pictures of the ceremony, click on <http://www.whiterocksquadron.org/photogallery.htm>

Cruise Master Section...



Please select cruises from the list below and contact Barry at:

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Join us for fun and fellowship happy hours, potlucks, dinghy explorations, crib tournaments.....
 Marina moorage is becoming very tight in the summer months. Your immediate attention is requested.

Easter	April 14 - 15	Port Sydney Marina 250-655-3711
Victoria Day	May 20 - 21	Telegraph Harbor Marina 250-246-9511
Canada Day	July 1 - 2	Ganges Marina 250-537-5242
Extended Cruise	July 29 - August 13	Desolation Sound North - Tentative schedule below
Labour Day	Sept 2 - 3	Maple Bay Marina 250-746-8482

Mark these on your calendar . Please make reservations directly with the marina to secure berth. Indicate you are with the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron.

Reservations at these marinas may be made by VHF radio on channel 66A.

Extended Cruise to Desolation Sound

Saturday, July 29	Meet off Point Roberts at 7 am traveling to Egmont – about 85 miles – at dock
Sunday, July 30	To Princess Louisa – about 35 miles – slack at 9:45 am or 3:30 pm – at dock, hopefully
Monday, July 31	Layover day
Tuesday, August 1	Leave Princess Louisa at slack 6 am or 12:30 pm – to Refuge Cove – about 75 miles – at dock
Wednesday, August 2	To Big Bay community dock– Gilliard slack at noon
Thursday, August 3	To Shoal Bay – dock – about 8 miles – slack at 1:15 pm
Friday, August 4	To Blind Channel – about 12 miles – at dock – a group dinner out??
Saturday, August 5	To Octopus Islands – about 28 miles- Okisollo slack at 4:40 pm – anchoring
Sunday, August 6	Layover day
Monday, August 7	To Gorge Harbor – Beazley slack at 8 am or option of Hole in the Wall slack at 9:20 am. At dock - Group dinner out????
Tuesday, August 8	To Squirrel Cove – about 20 miles – anchoring
Wednesday, August 9	To Prideaux/Tenedoes – about 15 miles – anchoring
Thursday, August 10	To Smugglers Cove – about 60 miles – anchoring
Friday, August 11	To Nanaimo – NewCastle Marine Park – anchoring/dock – a group dinner at dinghy dock pub ???
Saturday, August 12	Dodds Narrows slack at 12:30 pm – to Montague Marine Park – about 30 miles
Sunday, August 13	Return home to respective marinas

This is a **tentative schedule**, subject to a wide variety of considerations - weather being a major factor.



Boating Class, with instructor Lorne Wells

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More Graduation Pictures...



Piloting Class, with instructor Lorne Wells



Boating Class, with instructor Ken Penny