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White Rock Power and Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Commander's Report...



It is hard to believe but a new boating season is almost upon us (apologies to those hardy souls that boat year-round in our waters). Our spring courses are well underway, with a very healthy enrollment in all of our classes. It seems that in addition to preparing our boats for the new season, many of us are taking the equally important step of preparing ourselves by improving or refreshing our knowledge of boating. This spring we are offering the new Electronic Charting course for the first time. Over the past five years White Rock Squadron has offered boaters in this area every one of the boating courses CPS currently offers. This is truly an accomplishment envied by many other squadrons, and a tribute to our instructors, proctors, training officers and many others on whom we depend to organize and support our classes.

On January 31st, we held Graduation ceremonies at the Rotary Field House for students in our Fall classes. This was particularly noteworthy as it was the first time all students passing the Boating course were accorded membership in the Squadron. To all the new members, welcome to White Rock Squadron. We hope you will stay involved with the Squadron in some way for many years to come. With the new members from the fall class, our Squadron membership stands at three hundred sixty.

I am pleased to report that your Squadron has sponsored the printing of two hundred Youth Activity Books. Fifty of these books will be distributed free of charge at our Squadron's promotional events, and the CPS Youth Committee will be distributing the others to youth at the Vancouver Children's Hospital and similar locations. If you haven't already done so, check out the CPS Youth website at <http://cps4kids.cps-ecp.org/>.

At the Vancouver Boat Show, members of the White Rock Squadron bridge joined other lower mainland squadrons and Deputy Executive Director, John Gullick, at Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons' booth. We met hundreds of boaters and dispensed information on our organization and courses. After the show the new National CPS on-line course registration system was launched for BC. This system will allow members and students to search out squadrons in their area offering the courses they want to take, and then register and pay for the courses on-line. This promises to be a convenience for students, and a time-saver for the volunteers in the Squadron's training department.

During his visit to Vancouver John Gullick also confirmed that CPS is the **only** organization currently offering a Canadian Pleasure Card Operator's Certificate recognized by the **U.S. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators**. This is of particular interest to boaters in our area who regularly travel to U.S. waters. For those boaters who intend to boat in a country where they are non-residents (including Canadians boating in the U.S. and vice versa) we urge you to become familiar with the regulations governing non-resident boaters.

Spring is also the time of renewal for our Squadron bridge. We are anxious to have new faces on the bridge to add ideas and input, and to ensure the workload to keep Squadron healthy falls on the shoulders on many, rather than burdens a few. An exciting task will be facing our new bridge—the planning of the celebration of White Rock Squadron's **50th anniversary in 2011**. We have a long and storied history with boaters, boating education and boating safety in this area. We look forward to re-discovering some of our early history and recognizing those individuals who helped take us from our early days to the strong Squadron we have today. If you have enjoyed our courses or activities in the past and would like to "return the favour" helping a new generation of boaters by joining our bridge or helping in any way, please contact Past Commander Ken Tomkow, or email us at info@whiterocksquadron.org.

"Volunteers are not paid – not because they are not valuable, but because they are priceless!" (source unknown).

Gerry Spence
Commander

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Having Trouble Getting Information from CPS?

Do you need to know what courses we will be offering, or if your membership is up-to-date, or why you haven't received a magazine or newsletter? We are an organization of volunteers so sometimes it isn't easy to contact one of us directly. Therefore we have listed below a number of contact points that are monitored to ensure we get you the information you require. You are important to us and we want to ensure that we respond quickly to your requests.



Local White Rock Squadron:

Telephone: 604-515-5566 - Leave a complete message, and your telephone number. This info line is checked daily (more often prior to course registrations) by our Communications officer.

E-mail: info@whiterocksquadron.org

Mail: Box 499-800 15355 24th Ave, Surrey, BC V4A2H9

Website: www.whiterocksquadron.org, has information on our courses and events.

Bridge members and their contact numbers are listed on the website and in the Roster.

Pacific Mainland District

Mail: PO Box 53523, 984 West Broadway, Vancouver BC

Website: www.powersquadron.ca

District Bridge members and their contact numbers are listed on the website and in the Roster

Headquarters

Email: hqg@cps-ecp.ca

Telephone: 1-888-CPS-BOAT (1-888-277-2628) or

(416) 293-2438 (During business hours eastern time)

Website: www.cps-ecp.ca



“Looking Forward to Looking Back”

The White Rock Power and Sail Squadron will be Looking Forward to Looking Back at its history since 1961. The year 2011 will mark 50 years that our Squadron has been involved locally, regionally and nationally in providing safe boating promotion and education. If you have anything you could share/photocopy/display/write to make this historically important celebration into a permanent memory, please send an e-mail to info@whiterocksquadron.org or leave a brief message with your name and telephone number at 604-515-5566. We will then contact you. Examples of items which could be used are photographs (Squadron events, boats, people), newspaper articles, Squadron documents or course/teaching materials, or any interesting memories of the Squadron you wish to share.

Linda Spence
Communications Officer

Vessel in Distress???



It was a dark winter night, Dec. 4 about 1800 hours and I was sitting on the hearth by the fire trying to discern if I should take a night off from proctoring Boating to rest my broken arm...when all of a sudden I looked out the window and commented, "*Gee, there is a new light down at Birch Point*"(WA). That comment was abruptly followed with "*Gees that is not a light, that is a red flare!*"

I jumped to the telescope and I could see one boat in darkness and two boats approaching in the distance to the apparent dead vessel from starboard and port sides. The red flare was brilliant about 100 feet in the air and slowly drifting down.

Here I am in my home and I see a red flare on the water...We possess a hand-held VHF that is registered for our little crab boat "Senora Rosa" moored in our garage. I decided I had no choice but to call 911 rather than the VHF because we were on land!

"*Fire, Ambulance or Marine*" she said. "*Marine*" I replied...

and she quickly took details and patched me through to Victoria Coast Guard. I listened as the report was repeated for what seemed like an eternity. But, the apparent distressed vessel was located in USA waters. After questioning, Victoria stated they would contact Port Angeles Coast Guard. In less than a minute Port Angeles Coast Guard returned the call.

The first USCG officer took the details and started the process of calling for any knowledge of a distressed vessel in Semiahmoo Bay over Channel 16.(which was heard coming over loud and clear.) Then I was passed on to a second officer, for further details. By this time, the vessel had seemingly disappeared and I could see the other two boats going in two different directions.

The second officer taking specific details was unfamiliar with White Rock's location even though he was familiar with Semiahmoo Bay. Someone had taken his chart away for the VHF report. I asked "*do you have computer access*" and *yes* came the reply...so we both quickly went to Mapquest showing the specific location. Then I grabbed Chart 3463 to pin-point specific latitudes and longitudes. Many questions followed such as.. how high the wave action, how high was the flare (two, three fingers... which was impossible to relate to as I was looking down from the hill side). how long did the flare last, my height when viewing the distressed vessel, and on and on.

My understanding is that the USCG did broadcast all night for any information and sent an aircraft at first light. Finally in the morning someone in Blaine answered the query on Channel 16. There indeed had been a vessel in distress, but had called friends to the rescue via telephone. The vessel did in fact shoot a red flare for the rescuers to locate them. The only flaw was, they neglected to call US Coast Guard to cancel call for help.

USCG called the next day and thanked me for reporting the incident. USCG stated it was imperative that they follow up on the sighting and this comment validated my actions. I too...when seeing the red flare had no choice but to report a vessel in distress.

In hind-sight, I believe that the report possibly would have been expedited had I used that hand-held VHF even though I was on land. I should think in an emergency, going directly to Channel 16 would have been a safer bet.

(Reported on Dec 4 at 1800, filed 0200 Zulu on Dec 5 by USCG Port Angeles, WA.)

Shirley Shea, AP
White Rock Squadron

Special Evening



Canada Border
Services Agency

Agence des services
frontaliers du Canada

Canada



White Rock Squadron Social Education Night Thursday, March 13, 2008 1900 hours

**Location: Rotary Field House
Softball City Complex
2197 – 148th Street, Surrey, B.C.**

We have invited the Canada Border Services Agency to speak regarding border law enforcement and travellers regulations as pertains to boats, NEXUS, Canpass, reporting requirements, purchasing a boat etc.

Come join us for this exceptional evening and a chance to speak to our Canadian border officers. Get prepared now for any border crossings this boating season.

This is an evening for squadron members and guests – refreshments and door prizes. Please rsvp s.shea@shaw.ca if you plan to attend. Don't miss this one!



The Canadian [Discover Boating](#) program has released an **Economic Impact Study of Recreational Boating in Canada 2006**. Canada's recreational boating had a \$26.8 billion impact on Canada's economy in 2006 - in jobs, sales, travel, repairs, taxes, tourism revenues and consumer spending.

Canadian boaters spent C\$15.6 billion on boat and engine sales, accessories and other boating expenses in 2006. The report also indicates 373,606 jobs and 10% of Canada's tourist dollars come from recreational boating. (Study by: Genesis Public Opinion Research Inc. with Smith/Gunther Associates)

From **Boating in Canada News**

Miscellaneous news...

CPS Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) Accepted in Washington State

Some of you may have seen ads in 48 North or at the Seattle Boat Show about the Washington State Boater Education Card. Effective January 1 2008 some boaters in Washington State are required to have a Washington State Boater Education Card which is being phased in over the next 6 years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
2008	12years to 20 years old
2009	25 years and under
2010	30 years and under
2011	35 years and under
2012	40 years and under
2013	50 years and under
2014	60 years and under

After 2014 All boat operators except those exempted

The PCOC issued by CPS is accepted in Washington State through a reciprocal agreement. If you have a card issued by a provider other than CPS it may not be acceptable – take a look at the back of the card and to be acceptable it should have the following statement: Course also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA).

If you have questions or concerns about boater education cards in Washington State go to www.parks.wa.gov/boating This site lists the exemptions permitted.

As in Canada you must carry the card with you when on the water operating a boat; it will be enforced by different agencies in different locations.



Roger Gibb
Secretary

Canadian Hydrographic Services (CHS) is presently making arrangements for the distribution of digital hydrographic data formerly marketed by NDI. Indications are that prices will be up to 50% less expensive. CHS has also advised that they plan to make digital raster data updates available to subscribers on a monthly basis. Presently, new CD's must be purchased in order to obtain data updates.

The closure of marine fuel docks by Imperial Oil Ltd. is proceeding. However, there is some good news on the horizon. The fuel dock in Fisherman's Cove will be closed soon and all facilities removed but we have been advised that Bruce Falkins, the current operator, has been successful in assuming the lease. He will be installing a completely new facility and should be open for business by the end of March 2008.

The False creek fuel dock will also be closed but will reopen under a new operator pending the issue of a new lease by the Vancouver Parks Board.

The ESSO fuel dock in Steveston has been closed. This has been confirmed by members of the Fraser River Pilots.

It is rumored that the Chevron fuel barge in Coal Harbour may be taken out of service in the near future due to age related problems. At this point in time, it is unknown what remedial action may be taken with regard to ensuring continued service of the fueling facility.

Past reports have mentioned proposed changes to the Port Moody range lights due to the fact that it no longer marks the center of deepest part of the channel. Boaters in this area should be aware that the range could be shifted as much as 150 feet (46 metres) northward. This change will not happen immediately as there are some serious property issues to be resolved before the towers can be relocated.

P/D/C Gerry Powers
PMD Government Liaison Officer

From our Fall Class Graduation...

Ceremony held on January 31, 2008



Fundamentals of Weather Class with instructor Ken Penny



Radar Class with instructor Ken Penny



Tuesday Boating Class with instructor Carlos Fuenzalida



Wednesday Boating Class with instructor Phil Kowalski



Boating student Colin Inkster receiving Ralph Malowney Trophy from Squadron Commander Gerry Spence and Training Officer Rick Hepting, for achieving highest mark on course exam.



Proud new members of White Rock Squadron with PMD Officer Shirley Shea.



Extended Cruising Class with instructor Harald Hanssen

2008 Cruising Schedule.....



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

Barry Baniulis
214-15150-29A Avenue
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604-542-0519
email:irishromy@shaw.ca



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	March 21 - 22	Port Sydney Marina	250-655-3711
Victoria Day	May 17-18	Otter Bay Marina	250-629-3579
Canada Day	June 30 - July 1	Ganges Marina	250-537-5242
Extended Cruise	August 2 - 17	Desolation Sound - Schedule being developed	
Labour Day	August 30 - 31	Genoa Bay Marina	800-572-6481

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 also be made by VHF radio on channel 66A.



Training Officer's Report

Congratulations to the (8) Extending Cruising students, (10) Radar students, and (32) Boating students who passed their respective courses in December.

Our graduation was held on January 31st, 2008 for our Fall classes which were well attended. Special congratulations go to Colin Inkster who was presented with the RALPH MALOWNEY TROPHY for achieving the highest mark in Boating.

Our Spring classes are well under way and registration was excellent, with our boating classes being completely full.

Registration in all courses is shown on the following table:

Course	Registration	Remarks
Boating	54	
Piloting	11	
Boat Pro	8	Course completed
GPS	7	
Global Weather	8	
Marine Radio	20	
Electronic Charting	6	Pre-registered. Starts March 4

Rick Hepting
 Training Officer