

April 2000

# The ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

## Upcoming Events...

### Annual General Meeting

**April 27**, Centennial Arena, 7:00 pm. Join us for our AGM. Coffee and donuts will be served.

### IYC's International Semiahmoo Bay Regatta

**April 28, 29 and 30**. White Rock Squadron will be hosting the booth at the pier and providing a committee boat.

### VHF Radio Class - Last chance offered before the summer.

Three evenings: **May 3, May 10 and May 24**. Cost: \$35.00

### Change of Watch

**May 12** at 6:00 pm. Chateau Cargill on King George Highway. Our official dinner and dance function for the changing of our Bridge members. Ceremony of the Change, buffet dinner, prizes and dancing. Please join us for an interesting and fun evening. Cost: \$35.00 per person. See details on page 3.

### Port Browning Cruise

**May 20, 21 and 22**. Join us on our fun cruise. Contact Barry Baniulis at 542-0519 for further details or see cruising schedule elsewhere on this publication.

### Buyer Beware Seminar

Technical and Legal Requirements for Boat Ownership. We are co-sponsoring a free seminar with Jeff Smith, Marine Lawyer, and Chris Smith, Marine Surveyor.

**May 27** at 7:30 pm, Centennial Arena. Coffee and donuts.

### Boat Pro Challenge - Last chance offered before the summer.

For friends and kids to study boating safety before summer activities. CPS provides a Coast Guard accredited course to learn basic boating. It is a simplified version of our boating course and we hope they become interested... and continue on with further courses offered by White Rock Power and Sail Squadron.

Buy our book, study and write the exam **June 15**.

## Let's Get Nautical...

The AGM is this week, and once again it is the time for renewal. As the forthcoming Commander of the White Rock Squadron, I look forward to next year and all the challenges.

Boating theory is an amazing subject and one I find particularly fascinating. And, to combine this topic with a community service organization is exciting and rewarding. At no time has boating education and safety been so necessary. After all, we live on the water and, as our advertisements have emphasized, it could be a friend or a friend's child's life that you might save with boating education.

We have a great slate of newcomers as well as seasoned squadron members on the Bridge. I cannot stress how valuable this organization is to our community. We must enhance the profile of the squadron and inform the public of the safe boating programmes we offer.

We will be looking for all sorts of help and committee members as you can see by our schedule of Forthcoming Events. Whatever capacity you can serve, your talents, interests, expertise, please let one of the bridge members know ... we would appreciate your help. Let's keep growing, make White Rock the most water-wise, knowledgeable, and active squadron in Georgia Strait waterways!

Shirley Shea, Executive Officer

Costs: \$10.00 for the book, available at SRS Books at Windsor Square

\$20.00 for the exam.

Successful examination earns the Coast Guard accredited Pleasure Craft Operator's Card.

Encourage your friends to be SAFE!

For further information, contact:

**White Rock Squadron at 515-5566  
or at [www.whiterocksquadron.org](http://www.whiterocksquadron.org)**

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From the Editor's desk:

The new season is upon us once again. All the excitement of planning cruises, repairing and maintaining the boat, choosing places to visit, etc., is going through everybody's mind. So we think it is appropriate to provide some safety and maintenance tips to help you.



We also have a calendar full of activities that you can participate in. Please join us whenever you can. We want and need your active participation to make our Squadron a vibrant and enjoyable organization. We are extending an special invitation to all of you to attend the Change of Watch on May 12th. There will be good food, drinks, a formal ceremony, prizes and, very important, dancing after dinner, so put on your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of fun and celebration. Full details are listed below.

On another vein, this is the first issue of our newsletter that is going out electronically to all those members who have supplied us with their email address. We are excited about it: we are reducing our costs and doing our part to benefit the environment.

Our best wishes to all of you for a good summer and a very safe boating season!

Sincerely,

Carlos Fuenzalida  
carlos.f@telus.net

## Change of Watch and Dance

**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2000  
**Place:** Chateau Cargill, 3550 King George Highway  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M. for Cocktails  
**Food:** Buffet  
**Price:** \$35.00 per Person

### Dinner Menu

Baron of Beef  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Cold Meat Platter

Seven Assorted Salads  
Rolls  
Cheese and Fruits  
Tea and Coffee  
No Host Bar



**Please Note: WE MUST KNOW BY MAY 5TH HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING.  
Please contact Shirley at 538-6996 or Blair at 535-8261  
for Tickets and Registration.**

## Maintenance Tips...

Boat surface preparation can involve washing, sandblasting, stripping, sanding, and scraping of paint and grit. Allowing these contaminants to enter the marine environment either directly, or through washwater runoff, can cause serious harm to aquatic life. Solids can reduce light penetration into the water, impairing the photosynthetic activity of aquatic plants. When solids settle to the bottom, they may destroy fish habitat or kill fish or shell fish by clogging gills or respiratory passages. If the solids contain metal compounds, they can be poisonous to fish.

### What You Can Do:

#### Minimize waste

- Minimize the use of solvents or switch to water soluble solvents
- Use dustless sanders

#### Contain your washwater and debris

- Wash your hull in a location where the washwater is collected to a sump.
- Do not wash on a tide grid, dock, planked and grated surface or other areas where washwater cannot be contained.
- Conduct any surface preparation activities on an impervious surface above the high water mark.
- If an impervious surface is not available, then place a tarp under your vessel to collect paint chips, scrapings or another waste. Remove the tarp before the grid floods so that the washwater doesn't carry debris into the marine environment.
- Before washing your hull, take steps to prevent your washwater from carrying other debris into the marine environment or sewer. For example, sweep the lift platform or yard surface before washing.

#### Dispose of debris wisely

- Ensure that all visible solids are removed from your washwater before it is discharged to the marine environment or sewer.
- If your washwater is discharged to the sanitary sewer, it must meet the requirements of the local sewer authority.
- Sandblasting should only be undertaken in an enclosed facility where grit is contained and recovered.
- Do not allow cleaners, polishes or rags to fall into water.

#### Use less detergent

- Wax your boat. This prevents surface dirt from becoming engrained so that you need little or no detergent to wash your boat.
- Use soaps and detergents sparingly. Wash your vessel more frequently with plain water.

Bilges are a major source of marine pollution because bilges tend to collect engine oil, fuel, anti-freeze, and transmission fluid, to name only a few pollutants. When these fluids are pumped overboard, usually by automatic bilge pumps, they have the potential to severely inhibit all forms of marine life from mammals, to fish, to plants, to algae. Bilge cleaners, even the biodegradable ones, merely emulsify or break down the oil into tiny, less visible droplets. This process spreads the fluids over a greater volume of water.

### What You Can Do:

#### Avoid Spills

- Make sure your engine is in good condition with no leaking seals, gaskets or hoses. Fit a drip tray underneath the engine to contain any spills or leaks.

#### Remove oil from bilge water

- Install an oil/water separator in the bilge discharge line or fit an oil absorbent filter to your bilge pump's overhead discharge hose.
- When it is necessary to clean the bilge, do not flush out oily residues. Use petroleum absorbent material, such as bilge pillows and engine pads, to help remove oil from bilge water. Dispose of used absorbent material in garbage containers.

#### Pump only clean water into waterways

- Turn off automatic bilge pumps; use pumps only when necessary and when the bilge contains water only.
- Prior to pumping, inspect the bilge to ensure that no fuel or oil has spilled into it.
- Use a bilge pump-out service if offered at your marina. If this service is not offered, encourage your marina to start one.

#### *Safety Tip*

*To prevent explosions, run your bilge vent fan after fueling and before starting your engine to ventilate fumes.*

## Maintenance Tips...

### Keep pollutants out of the water

- Use auto shut-off hose nozzles to conserve water and reduce runoff of washwater into waterways.
- Do not allow cleaners, polishes or rags to fall into water
- Do not scrape or scrub the bottom of your vessel, with anything coarse enough to remove paint or antifoulant, while your vessel is in the water.

### Use alternative cleaners

- Do not use harsh cleaners, soaps or detergents. These chemicals can destroy protective wax coatings and cause harm to the marine environment. Use only non-toxic, phosphate-free, biodegradable cleaners, a variety of which are available on the market.
- Try using the following alternative cleaners:

| <u>To Clean...</u>   | <u>Use...</u>                                    |
|----------------------|--|
| Decks                | 1 Part vinegar to 8 parts water                  |
| Fiberglass           | Baking soda and salt                             |
| Aluminum             | 1 tablespoon cream of tartar in 500 ml hot water |
| Chrome               | Vinegar and salt solution                        |
| Chrome/metal         | Polish with baby oil                             |
| Brass                | Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and salt solution  |
| Copper               | Lemon juice and salt solution                    |
| Clear Plastic        | 1 part vinegar to 2 parts water                  |
| Mildew               | Vinegar and salt solution                        |
| Windows              | 1 part vinegar to 2 parts water                  |
| Wood                 | Polish with olive oil                            |
| Toilet               | Baking soda                                      |
| Hair                 | Baby shampoo (phosphate-free and pH balanced)    |
| Hands                | Baby oil or margarine                            |
| Shower               | Wet the area, apply baking soda and wipe         |
| <u>Instead of...</u> | <u>Use...</u>                                    |
| Bleaching            | Hydrogen peroxide                                |
| Scouring             | Baking soda                                      |



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- For tougher cleaning jobs, use commercial cleaners made from citrus extracts.
- Look for the EcoLogo™ “environmental choice” symbol on the products you use.

Note: In Canada, manufacturers do not have to substantiate such claims as ‘non polluting’ and ‘fully biodegradable’. All detergents, even those that call themselves “environment friendly” or “green”, contain polluting phosphates and nitrates. The “Environmental Choice” logo indicates a degree of acceptability.

Allowing substances that could harm fish, or fish habitat, to enter fish-bearing waters—even indirectly or unintentionally—is prohibited by the Federal Fisheries Act.



From information provided by: Environment Canada—Best Management Practices for Marinas and Small Boatyards in British Columbia.  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada—Protecting the Environment—A Boater’s Guide.

**Report all spills to the Coast Guard at 1-800-889-8852 or Channel 16 VHF Marine Radio.**

## Interesting Tidbits...

### **Powder of Sympathy**

At the end of the 17th century countless cranks and schemes for finding longitude at sea were published. The most offbeat approach was the wounded dog theory, put forth in 1867. A quack cure was discovered and purportedly could heal at a distance. All one had to do to unleash its magic was to apply it to an article from the ailing person.

The daft idea went like this: Send aboard a wounded dog as a ship sets sail. Leave ashore a trusted individual to dip the dog's bandage into the sympathy solution at noon. The dog would yelp in reaction, and thereby provide the captain a time cue... the dog's cry would mean, "the sun is upon the Meridian in London." The captain could then compare that hour to the local time on the ship and figure longitude accordingly. One hoped the powder really held power to be felt thousands of leagues over the sea... and of course fail to heal the telltale wound. (Historians suggest the dog might have been injured more than once.)

But this was no worse than a seaman putting his own eyes out for the purpose of navigation... "Not one Old Master of a Ship amongst Twenty, but what a Blind in one Eye by daily staring in the Sun to find his Way". A few years of observations were enough to destroy anyone's eyesight. And after all those early navigators lost at least half their vision finding the latitude, who would wince at wounding a few wretched dogs in the quest for longitude?

Taken from "Illustrated Longitude" by Dava Sobel

You have probably never realized just how many of the words and expressions used in everyday English do in fact have a fascinating nautical origin. If you have ever felt you have been **sold down the river** or **put through the hoop**, or that somebody is the **bitter end** when they are at **close quarters**, or that anything less than the **Real McCoy** makes you **groggy**, then your language is already steeped in the salty tradition.

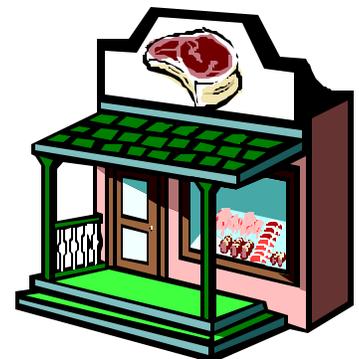
From the book "Salty Dog Talk", by Bill Beavis and Richard McCloskey.



### **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.

Our apologies to those members looking for us in the past for not publishing this notice earlier.



## 2000 Cruising Schedule

Please complete and submit ASAP to **Barry Baniulis, Cruisemaster**  
**214-15150-29A Avenue**  
**Surrey, BC V4P 1H1**

Join us for fun and fellowship, happy hours, potlucks, scavenger hunts, dingy explorations, crib tournaments.....

Marina moorage's is becoming very tight in the summer months, ***your immediate attention is requested.***

- Victoria Day Weekend - May 20,21,22 **Port Browning Marina**
- Canada Day July 1 at **Winter Cove** then to **Otter Bay**
- Labor Day Weekend September 2,3,4 - **Telegraph Harbor - Thetis Island**

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**PLEASE CHECK THE CRUISES YOU WILL ATTEND**

Boat Name .....Length.....Sail/Power (Circle one)

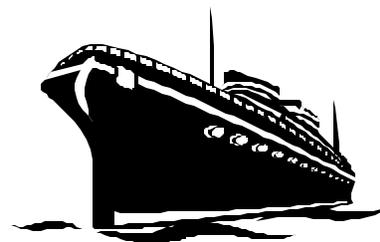
Your Name .....

Address.....Postal Code.....

Telephone No.....Number in Party.....

*Please make reservations directly with the marina to secure a berth. Indicate you are with the White Rock Power and Sail Squadron.*

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Port Browning Marina</b>    | <b>250-629-3493</b> | <b>VHF Ch.68</b> |
| <b>Otter Bay Marina</b>        | <b>250-629-3579</b> | <b>VHF Ch.68</b> |
| <b>Telegraph Harbor Marina</b> | <b>250-246-9511</b> | <b>VHF Ch.68</b> |



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## From our Stores...

- PMD Sweatshirt—embroidered CPS logo with silk-screened burgees
- Various sizes
- Colors ranging in navy blue, white, and gray
- 50/50 blend of polyester and cotton material with a ¼ zipper neck collar
- Available after Easter long weekend, April 25, 2000.
- Price under negotiation. Possibly around \$40.00 depending on design detail, etc.

Catch the Wave! A free White Rock Squadron cap with every sweatshirt sold.

To order or inquire about these and all available CPS products, please contact  
Veronica at 538-3298

### Sail Boat for Sale

Nordica (17') weekender with cabin, stern lazarette mast/boom, fully rigged. Good sails—Main and Jib. Full keel. D. Blue Hull, self bailing cockpit. Fiberglass hull and deck. Sold with or without custom trailer.

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## !!!! WANTED !!!!

Someone with Marketing Skills who could volunteer some time to help White Rock Squadron, and the District of which we are a member (Pacific Mainland District), to guide us in our search for venues in which to best spend our advertising monies, and to promote Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. If you can help, please contact Norm Headrick at 531-7425, or email to [nheadrick@home.com](mailto:nheadrick@home.com).

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**For Sale:** 65 ft. ULDB sailboat - 16 sails, extensive equipment list. Details at [www.skybusiness.com/mcroger6/](http://www.skybusiness.com/mcroger6/)

### Missing

31' Piver Trimaran, Registration # 13k 92428  
Red hulls, white trims. Decks are white brown anti slip surface

White cockpit, no mast  
Went missing between March 12 and 18 from Squamish.

If seen please contact :

- Your local police dept.
- Cst. M.L.B. Giralowski  
Squamish detachment  
Tel : (604) 898-9611  
File : 00-1601
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