



August 2001

The ANCHORLINE

White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock BC

Fall 2001 Course Schedule

BOATING	Wed. Sept. 19 to Dec. 12	\$175 Single
Navigation, cruising skills and pleasure craft operators card		\$275 Couple
PILOTING	Wed. Sept. 19 to Dec. 12	\$100
Charting, tides and currents, piloting fixes and seamanship.		
BOAT PRO	Wed. Sept. 19 to Oct. 10	\$ 70
	Wed. Nov. 7 to Nov. 28	
Simplified version of Boating. Four evenings		
Study, write exam for Pleasure Craft Operator Card.	Challenge	\$ 20
RADIO TALK	Tues. Sept. 18 to Oct. 2	\$ 45 member
	Tues. Nov. 8 to Nov. 28	\$ 55 non member
VHF Radio Course earning Operator's Certificate.		
Three evenings		
NAV. WITH GPS	Tues. Oct. 9 & 16	\$ 35 member
Basics of Global Positioning Systems and Navigation		\$ 45 non member
Two evenings		

Classes start at 7:00 PM **First day Registration starts at 6:00 PM**
Classes held at: **Earl Marriot Secondary School**
 15751 16th Avenue
 Surrey, B.C.

Register by mailing cheque to : **White Rock Squadron**
 P.O. Box 499, 800 15355 24th Avenue
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Commander's Report...



As the summer boating season is reluctantly drawing to a close, we are starting to gear up for our Squadron's autumn activities. The Bridge has already begun its monthly meetings and the first meeting of the Training Department has taken place. Courses begin on September 18 and 19. Our first social/educational evening for this term will be in

October. Look for details on these and other Squadron activities elsewhere in this and in future newsletters, as well as on our website.

On reflecting on the boating activities that you may have enjoyed during this summer, has your participation in Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons contributed to your enjoyment? Has the taking of a CPS course made you a safer boater? Has a CPS course made you aware of situations that you may not have considered before you took the course? Did something that you learned in CPS help you in a particular situation? If you have a boating story to tell we would sure like to hear about it. Write to us (snail mail or e-mail) and tell us of your experiences (large or small) and we will share them with our membership in The Anchorline and on the website. We also want to hear your suggestions for what we do well in the Squadron, and what we do that could be improved. All our instructors, proctors and other volunteers work hard and any feedback on how they may have made a difference would be very much appreciated.

Our mission is clear. We teach and promote safe boating. Every Squadron activity is designed to further this mission. We need you, our membership, to get involved and help us by volunteering to proctor a course, becoming a member of the Bridge, helping with some of our activities, offering to share some special expertise, or even just taking another course. Give us a call.

Harald Hanssen, AP
Commander

Wanted On the Bridge

**Secretary
Historian**

We need someone to take on the position as Secretary and someone to be our Historian. Our long-serving members, Anne and Mona, who hold these positions, would like to step down.

Please contact one of us and volunteer.

Coastal Watch Program...

This program has been established by the R.C.M.P. to assist in the identification of persons, vessels, vehicles and aircraft involved in illegal activities including the importation of drugs into our province. These drugs, primarily marihuana products, cocaine & heroin, are continually being offloaded from vessels and aircraft throughout the province using various methods. Other illegal activities include smuggling of weapons, cigarettes & alcohol; income tax fraud and evasion; theft of shake blocks and illegal log salvage; living off the proceeds of criminal activities such as drug transactions, illegal aliens entering the country; and migrant workers involved in local industries such a clam digging, moss picking, etc.

In order to expand our “eyes and ears”, you, the public, are encouraged to report, on a confidential basis any activity that appears suspicious.

Profiles have been developed detailing some of the unique characteristics and activities of drug smugglers, which may indicate illegal activities. The program has also developed profiles of suspicious activities encountered with vessel movement and repairs, real estate transactions, trucking methods, shipping containers, aircraft activity, actions of suspect pilots, illegal immigrant activities, and forestry crimes. Copies of these profiles may be acquired by contacting the Coastal Watch Program, Cst. Anne E. Clarke, Provincial Coastal Watch Coordinator in Victoria: (250) 380-6222.

HELP TURN THE TIDE ON DRUG SMUGGLING

To report suspicious activity 24-hours-a-day, call toll-free in B.C. **1- 888-855-6655**
or you may contact your local detachment of the R.C.M.P.

Tips from **Guide to Green Boating**

Feeling Flush?

Sewage from boats hurts the environment, particularly in busy and poorly flushed anchorages. Each year a number of areas suffer from shellfish closure, health risks and other unpleasant effects. This is no longer acceptable to residents or visitors.

Keeping it Clean:

- ~Never pump out sewage at the dock, in anchorages or near sensitive areas such as shellfish bed.
- ~Install a holding tank or portable toilet
- ~Use shoreside facilities whenever possible
- ~Avoid chemical additives or bleach in your holding tank – safer products include enzyme or bio-active treatments. Read labels carefully before using.
- ~Don't use your boat's head to dispose of anything it isn't intended for. Kitchen wastes, solvents, detergents, paints, and other foreign objects will cause problems for you and the environment.
- ~Use pump-out services where available - otherwise ensure that you are in open waters before emptying your holding tank or portable toilet.

Special Thanks to our volunteers at the Spirit of the Sea: Aug. 4th and 5th for a job well done. The rain did not dampen our enthusiasm! The response at the booth was excellent!

Volunteers at the Booth at the Pier:

Shirley Shea
Carlos Fuenzalida
Harald Hanssen
Andrew Pothier
John Naylor
Dennis Neufeld
Veronica Neufeld
Bill Butler
Erik Laursen
Norm Headrik

Volunteers for the parade:

Decorating the boat:

Shirley Shea
Veronica Neufeld
Anne Headrick
Norm Headrick
John Turner
Carlos Fuenzalida
John Naylor
Dennis Neufeld
Cindy Headrick
Andrew Pothier
Micheal Henry

Parade:

Veronica & Dennis Neufeld
John & Bobbie Naylor
Andrew & Donna Pothier
Shirley Shea & Carlos Fuenzalida
Harald Hanssen
Larry Heuchert
Alicia Pothier
Ashley Heuchert

Special Thanks once again to Terry Bremner and crew for towing the float.

And So The Adventure Begins

Her story

We left Thetis Island on Saturday, July 28th at 6:00 AM It was a beautiful morning and the water was calm all the way to Dodd Narrows to Nanaimo. As we headed into the open stretch of water the wind and water changed- **DRASTICALLY**. The wind was blowing fiercely and the waves were between 6 and 7 ft, coming straight over our bow. On the port side of the boat, where I am sitting, the water was pouring through the spaces between the snaps on the canvas, and we had our own indoors waterfall. The water was so rough that it was dangerous to stand up, but with the water coming in I had to try to mop it up from the dash and the floor. At this time we did not have our life jackets on, so Barry suggested that in the interest of safety we should put them on. Easily said than done: the life jackets are up front under the V berth. That's obstacle number two, obstacle number one is standing. never mind trying to walk. Nothing for it but to go down and get the life jacket. Our cooler, which is usually on the floor under the centre of the V berth, has moved to the back of the boat, right in my path. I managed to avoid tripping over it and made my way to the V berth. Now I have to lift up the cushion on the V berth. With every wave I am being bounced up and down, and I feel like every major organ in my body is being re-arranged. I take the life jackets out from under the cushion, and throw them up to the front of the boat. Mission accomplished. Now I need to get these jackets to the back of the boat and on my husband and myself with out killing myself. However, we hit one **BIGGER** wave and the bounce sends me into the air. On landing the seat broke, and I am wedged in a corner, with a wrenched shoulder, and I think a bruised rib. Every breath I take hurts and I am dizzy, and we still need to get the life jackets on.

My husband, in the meantime, is wondering what is happening, and he looks down to see what the delay is. Initially what he sees is that the Scrabble Board has moved (so has everything else). He brings this to my attention, and I impolitely tell him "this is not the appropriate time to be rescuing a Scrabble Board, since I am still stuck".

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After a few minutes my husband emphatically tells me that we NEED life jackets. So without thought I propelled myself forward, almost breaking my neck on the cooler, and we get our jackets on. We sit in stunned silence. The waves are still coming over the bow, and we can only go on. We see Texada Island, and know that soon we will be sheltered a little in the lea. So with hope in sight we continue. Eventually we pull into Anderson Bay, on Texada Island, and somewhat calmer waters. Now we take the time to slow down and access what needs to be done, and gather our wits...the few we have left. Everything is all over the place, and the Scrabble pieces have ended up stuck in the butter. After 15 minutes or so we continue on our way, hoping that the worst is over, but this is boating, and who knows????

His Story

Up at 5:20 am, clean the bilge, smooth thru Dodd Narrows, "real rough seas" Nanaimo to Texada, re-group and police the boat off Anderson Bay.

WHITE ROCK SQUADRON'S 2001 EXTENDED CRUISE TO BC'S RUGGED NORTH COAST

BY

Barry Baniulis Cruisemaster

Friday, July 27

The Freedom Too leaves the White Rock Pier under dark and cloudy skies at 5:30 pm. Ugly seas, 5 to 7 footers, until off Active Pass and then the rain pours down. Reach Thetis Island as darkness falls, top off with fuel and secure moorage for the night.

Saturday, July 28

Up at 5:20 am, clean the bilge and leave to get the early morning slack at Dodds Narrows. Sun begins to shine and dry off the windows.

Very rough and ugly seas between Nanaimo and Texada Island. Up the Malaspina Strait alongside Texada, heavy swells off of Grief Point and then strike a large log, which rumbles under the boat and whacks the leg off of Powell River. No damage and we continue until about three miles south of Savary and the front anchor bungee snaps permitting the Danforth to wobble about. Slow down the boat, put on a life jacket, out the front hatch and secure anchor.

Into Refuge Cove at noon where we join up with Peter and

Donna Ganz of Dreamkeeper. A bright and sunny afternoon, which helps to dry out the boat. Wight Mist with Sandy and Marylou Wightman arrives mid afternoon. At 7 pm Arendall shows up coming in from Nanaimo. Tony and Denise Pedersen reports the water conditions have improved greatly.

Sunday, July 29

Begins to rain heavily during the night, up at 5:20 am and the group leaves at 6 am to catch an early morning slack at the Yucs and Dents near Big Bay. Poor visibility up to the Dents, cloudy, misty, rain and a brief spot of fog in Big Bay itself. About 7:30 am off Shoal Bay visibility improved and we proceeded up Chancellor Channel, Wellborne Channel, out into Sutherland Channel and into the Johnston Straits, which were at a light chop.

Arrived at Lagoon Cove off Ministrel Island at noon. Stern ties and all enjoyed a bright sunny afternoon. Crab traps were dropped but all were undersized.

Monday, July 30

Leaving at 10 am we headed west down Knight Inlet and then turned into Spring Retreat and Cramer Passages taking the back route into Echo Bay. We all stopped at the government dock, had lunch and a walk ashore.

Leaving at 2pm all were in Sullivan Bay at 3:30pm to top off fuel tanks and provisions. Lovely sunshine in the afternoon after a cloudy morning.

Tuesday, July 31

Up at 4:50 am and underway at 5:30 am, first light, heading up the Queen Charlotte Straits

Lovely cruise ship with lights on heading north greeted the group as it came out of Wells Passage and made the turn for Cape Caution and points north. About 30 minutes later all was obscured in very heavy pea soup fog. All had GPS waypoints punched in and the radar on Wight Mist came in very handy. Never did see Cape Caution as we travelled through gentle rolling ocean swells and broke into beautiful sunshine off Egg Island.

Tied up in Duncanby for the day, extremely rustic, no dock cleats, you tie on to ropes embedded in the docks built on floating logs

Humpback whales went by the facility twice in the afternoon.

Wednesday, August 1

Wake up to a steady drumming of raindrops. Skies clear momentarily and recommence with heavy rain-again. Leave at 2 pm for Fury Cove at Penrose Marine Park. Create a raft with Wight Mist and Arendall. All join for a communal dinner on Wight Mist and commiserate about the weather.

Thursday, August 2

Low cloud but no rain, all ashore at 10:30 to explore the cove, walk, take photos and relax. All leave at 1:15 pm for a dinghy exploration of the area returning at 3:45 pm. At 4 pm the heavens again open up but undaunted we dinghy to Dreamkeeper to a wet happy hour.

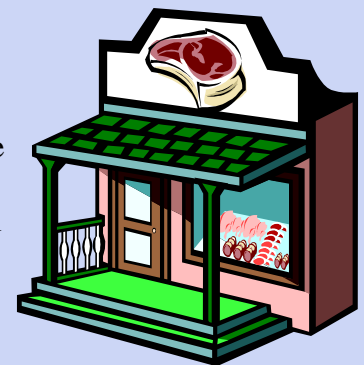
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CPS booth at the pier, during Spirit of the Sea weekend festivities...

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.



2001 Cruising Reports...by Barry Baniulis



The White Rock Power and Sail Squadron celebrated Canada's 134th birthday at **Otter Bay, North Pender Island.**

Smooth seas and bright sunshine greeted those who scooted across the Strait on Saturday, June 30. Freedom Too encountered a submarine on the south side of Saturna, the first ever seen in 17 years of boating. A big rolling wake.....

Participating boats tying up at the popular resort were, in addition to Freedom Too. the Rose Marie, Kitiwake, My Hideaway, Kazbar, Arendall, Rum Runner, Carousel and Chris's Craft.

Steering problems were encountered with Chris's Craft but all pitched in and arranged a tiller system that worked well.

All participated in a happy hour on the outlook deck taking in the scenery. That same evening some participated in dining out at the Islander Restaurant followed by more happy hours till midnight on the outlook deck it being such a fabulous warm evening.

A dingy trip to Port Washington on the afternoon of Sunday, July 1 had participants from My Hideaway, Carousel, Kitiwake, Arendall and Freedom Too.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed, again on the outlook deck, along with members of the Burnaby Squadron.

Crib tournament participants enjoyed fun and fellowship vying for great cash and merchandise prizes. First place honors to Rick Russell, second place to Jennifer Baniulis and third place went to Andrew Pothier.

Those returning to home ports on Monday, July 2 encountered smooth conditions on the Strait.

VICTORIA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT **FULFORD HARBOR**

White Rock Squadron members celebrated the Victoria Day long weekend in the Gulf Islands.

Several boaters were fortunate enough to commence the weekend on Friday, May 19 with some spending the night at Montaque Marine Park, others at Cabbage Island, Succia, Winter Cove and Ganges.

A strong front moved through early Saturday morning stranding some boats at Crescent Beach.

Boats gathering at Fulford Harbor in the early afternoon of May 19 were Kazbar, Freedom Too, Whyte Mist, Rum Runner, Dreamkeeper, Kitiwake and Arendall II. All participants enjoyed a dockside happy hour and then participated in a group dinner out at the Fulford Harbor Inn.

Joining up with the group on Sunday were My Hideaway, Rose Marie, Carousel and Magyz. Seven dingies toured the Fulford Harbor area Sunday afternoon.

A super potluck dinner on the docks drew a crowd of hungry boaters who enjoyed great food and fellowship.

The crib tournament drew a record turnout of 20 card sharks with top honors going to Mike Henry, second to Mary Lou Wightman and third place finisher Terry Nagy.

All enjoyed a leisurely trip home Monday on generally smooth seas across the Strait.



A happy group at Fulford Harbor...

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Friday, August 3

Guess what: we again wake to rain but it eases off and at 10:30am all are underway on Fitz Hugh Sound seeing humpback and killer whales.

A sun shower greets our arrival in Namu, once a thriving outport fish packing plant with a top summer population nearing 2000. Now there are only four taking care of the property.

A real coastal ghost town which one has the opportunity to walk and explore. All share in a salmon slab given the squadron members by a sailor from Salt Spring Island.

Saturday, August 4

It rained during the night but we were greeted with tantalizing blue patches and weak sunshine as we topped off with fuel.

Gravity system can only be done at low tide.

Left at 10am under cloudy, drizzling skies with several strong showers along the way up Fisher Channel.

We tied at Ocean Falls in a downpour early afternoon and proceed to walk to Martin Valley about a mile away from the actual former mill site. Over 3500 people resided at Ocean Falls at its peak when the Crown Zellerbach mill was at full production. When it closed the NDP government of the day attempted to keep it going but all failed. Today only 60 people call Ocean Falls home.

Great laundry facilities were taken full advantage of during the day and all enjoyed a meal out at the former hospital, now hotel/restaurant.

Sunday, August 5

Raining again but it doesn't stop the squadron members from walking the town, touring the museum, seeing the dam site up close and getting photographs. Ocean Falls slogan is "Home of the Rain People"

An evening squall blew in for several hours but then disappeared into the dark.

Monday, August 6

Top up fuel tanks- you tie up to a log, the hose comes down some 20 plus feet, fill your boat, the hose goes up and down comes a bucket into which you place your funds.

****A point of interest reference fuel price. Given the geographic location its actually cheaper to fuel up at some northern locations than it is in the Gulf Islands. Fuel at Refuge Cove was 79.9 a litre and it dropped a cent for every 100 litres put in; at Lagoon Cove it was 72.9 cents plus the GST. Namu was \$1.10 a litre and Ocean Falls was a flat \$4 a gallon.

Shearwater was 78.9 a litre, Sullivan Bay was 85 a litre, Daw-

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604-538-9346

sons Landing 82.9 while Duncanby was 92.9
Leaving at 9am the group goes up Dean Channel stopping by the Alexander Mackenzie Rock for photos and then drops anchor in lovely Eucott Bay to take advantage of the hot springs. What a treat for all concerned. A weak filtered sun had been present but a swift rain shower interrupted a group dinghy ride.

Tuesday, August 7

Sunshine and plenty of it was the order to the day and it enabled everyone to dry out boats and gear. Wet weather was now behind the group.

Leaving at 10am an enjoyable day was spent on the water with everyone gathering at Shearwater about 4 pm to share a happy hour and evening meal out.

Some took advantage of terra firma to take an evening walk on Denny Island and savour the scenery.

Wednesday, August 8

Foggy in the early morning hours but it burned off by 10 am and all departed to two miles to Bella Bella on Campbell Island.

A great grocery store with excellent prices. We were rafted four deep-dock space is extremely limited. Leaving at noon we were all anchored in Codville Lagoon by 3pm.

Squadron members toiled 45 minutes up a muddy path to reach Sagar Lake where the beach is like brown granulated sugar.

Faster going down and all enjoyed a potluck dinner on Dreamkeeper.

Thursday, August 9

A group dinghy excursion round the Lagoon took care of the morning and all departed near 1 pm for Hakai Pass. It was the first real day of choppy water but it didn't deter more humpback whales going north and south.

Anchoring in the south arm of Purth Bay near the Hakai Beach resort all enjoyed a prawn feed on Wight Mist. Then it was off to the West Beach facing the Pacific...gentle swells rolling in on a hard packed sand shaped crescent beach probably about a mile in length.

A bottle of wine helped celebrate the going down of the sun on a beach where the sand was like flour. Another moment to remember.

Friday, August 10

Two more additions to the group with Art and Marlene Bartel of Cloverdale flying into Hakai to join with the Wight Mist crew.

A 2 pm departure saw some limited fog south of the Addenbroke light station but it quickly dissipated. Dawsons Landing was the destination- another rustic location.

It was another bright and sunny day with some scattered clouds.

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