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White Rock Power & Sail Squadron, White Rock, BC

Extraordinary Issue

A Question of Membership

There is an important issue that is coming up for a National vote at Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2002 in Toronto, and it affects all of the members of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS). At issue is the qualifications required for **regular membership** in CPS.

For all of us who are now regular members, the qualifying examination for full privileged membership has been the successful completion of the Boating Course examination. However, there is a Motion that will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will allow, if passed, those who have completed 'a CPS administered Coast Guard Approved exam' to become regular members. This exam could be the Accredited Exam associated with the Boating Course for the Pleasure Craft Operators Card, or the Boat Pro Exam from the Boat Pro Course.

The Federal Government has introduced legislation that requires, by 2009, that all boaters must have completed a 'Government Certified Boating Safety Course', and have in their possession the Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC). In CPS there are now several avenues open for students to qualify for this card, the first being the successful completion of sections 1 through 15 of the Boating Course, and passing the 'Accredited PCOC examination', or to either chal-

lenge the Boat Proficiency (Boat Pro) exam or take the Boat Pro Course and then write the exam.

At this time, those who have successfully completed the Boat Pro Course or only the accredited exam may join CPS as 'Associate Members'. They are required to pay the same membership fees as regular members. However, they do not share all the privileges as regular members, in that they cannot be elected to Squadron, District or National Bridge positions, but they can accept appointments to some positions.

To some of the members of CPS this seems like a two-tiered system of membership, by allowing some to have all the privileges, and restricting others. Other members feel that, allowing those who have not completed the Boating Course to become regular members will erode the status of CPS as the leader in teaching boating safety courses. The feelings of the two opposing groups on this issue are running very high, and both sides to the question, of whether or not to allow those who only chose to take the short course, or to even challenge the exam for the PCOC will be decided at the National Annual General Meeting in Toronto.

So what is this 'Boat Pro' (Boating Proficiency) course? This course was designed by CPS to meet the Federal Governments requirements for the PCO Card, and it has done so, but it has also given boaters the option of taking either an eight hour course to achieve the

PCOC, or to take the thirteen week Boating Course. Many are opting for the shorter course because they do not need the navigation, chart work or plotting sections of the Boating Course because of the small lakes and rivers on which they do their boating. It is estimated that eighty percent of the boaters in Canada do their boating on inland waters where the navigation, charting, and plotting sections of the Boating course are not required.

Should these potential regular members be discriminated against because of the area in which they boat, or should we allow them to become 'full members'? Or should CPS even consider lowering their standards for membership, from the Boating Course knowledge to the Boat Pro knowledge?

The answer to the question on how many of those who only take the Boat Pro course will apply for membership in CPS is difficult to answer because until now the only membership available to them was associate membership. How many will opt for the regular membership if it is offered cannot be estimated at this time. If the indications from our 'sister organization', United States Power Squadrons (USPS) is any indication, then we might not see a great increase in membership.

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Commander's Report...



I trust that everyone has truly enjoyed the exceptional weather that we have experienced this summer. It has certainly presented wonderful opportunities for the boating community. As we slip into the fall season, the focus switches to winterizing chores and perhaps signing up for one of our advanced or elective courses.

Every year we receive inquiries asking if CPS provides on-the-water training. It should come as no surprise that our activities are generally restricted to classroom instruction. However, opportunities do exist in White Rock for anyone to get some hands-on and affordable sailing experience during the off-season.

Located at the end of the pier in White Rock are two sailing clubs. The Lower Mainland Yacht Co-operative operates six sailboats, ranging in length from 26 feet to 30 feet. Membership is restricted to 100, and the annual dues this past year were only \$440.00. New members are assessed an additional one-time charge of \$100.00 to join. Applicants initially begin as Social Members for \$44.00 to get on the waiting list and, depending on the number of members not renewing by February 1, may be able to acquire full membership at that time. Training is provided in-house at no additional cost. Meetings are held at the Centennial Arena at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month, and guests are always welcome. For further information, have a look at their website at www.lmyc.ca.

The Waterline Co-op is also situated at the end of the pier, operates two sailboats which, as I recall, are 29 and 30 feet in length. Membership is restricted to 40. For day sailers, the Surrey Sailing Club at Crescent Beach is an option not to be overlooked. Several of our CPS members started sailing at this club, and the feedback has been very positive. For anyone interested in racing, the International Yacht Club holds races in Semiahmoo Bay every other weekend during the fall and spring. Skippers are often looking for crew, and sailing experience is not always a prerequisite. For more information, go to www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Stand/1211/.

These opportunities may not appeal to you, but you probably know of someone else who might be interested. The referrals work both ways. Many of our students are already members of one of the above clubs, and others first learn of these opportunities by word-of-mouth at squadron classes. I have been a member of LMYC since the fall of 1993 and White Rock Squadron since the spring of 1994. I have certainly benefited from membership in both organizations, and I have routinely passed on information regarding these clubs whenever I am asked about on-the-water training by entry-level boaters. The squadron benefits in that these organizations provide a significant source of students for our classes. Remember – what goes around comes around.

John Naylor
Commander

Please review article on first page and contact a member of the bridge before October 21st to give your opinion.

Thank you.

Training Officer's Report...



With the Fall training season rapidly approaching, efforts are well under way to firm up our squadron's educational program for September. A course schedule has been prepared, as shown on page one, and several squadron members have already been contacted and have generously confirmed their willingness to be instructors or proctors. A big "thank-you" to each of you. We still have a few training positions to confirm over the next week or two, and the full roster of instructors and proctors will be published in the next issue of The Anchorline.

All classes will once again be held at Earl Marriott School on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings commencing at 1900 hrs. The Tuesday classes will begin on September 10 and the Wednesday classes start September 11, with the exception of the VHF "Radio Talk" Seminar which starts November 19, and the GPS Seminar which will start on October 29. We anticipate another strong turn-out of new students for our Boating and Boat Pro classes, so we will be asking for extra hands to be on deck on the registration nights (September 10 and 11).

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and pleasure-filled summer, both on and off the water.

Lorne G. Wells
Squadron Training Officer

2002 Cruising Reports...by Barry Baniulis

SQUADRON ENDS CRUISING SEASON ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.



Beautiful Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island was the destination for squadron members participating in the labour day cruise.

Boats gathered in the early afternoon and all compared notes on the past summer's cruising activities. Then all got together for a great wrap up happy hour and some partook of the fine dining ashore.

On Sunday morning a group of 10 enjoyed an outdoors breakfast at the Captain Morgan Bed and Breakfast adjacent to the marina.

Peter Ganz, Terry Nagy and Chris Baniulis then went fishing off Samsun Narrows while Barry Baniulis and Tony Pedersen explored the lower reaches of the Cowichan River by dingy.

A great potluck on floats near the marina entrance capped a lovely day.

The crib tournament saw a tie for first place between Denise Stevenson and Anne Headrick, second place honours to Andrew Pothier and third place to Mary-Lou Wightman.

Participating boats were Wyne Tyme, Kitiwake, Rose Marie, Dreamkeeper, Arendall, Kazbar, Freedom Too, Wight Mist, Carousel and Chris's Craft.

Monday, September 2 was cloudy and coolish with some shower activity. Gale warnings prompted some boats to leave mid-morning for home ports while Wyne Tyme, Carousel and Kitiwake remained behind.

Crossing the strait was somewhat lumpy but all returned safe and sound

SOCIAL EDUCATION EVENING

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2002
Time: 1930 hours
Place: Windsor Square
Subject: Marine Batteries (to be confirmed)

Everyone is welcome!

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Our most sincere apology to Jenny Ciceri for misspelling her name on our last issue.

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USPS is now allowing those who have completed their Boat Smart Course, (the equivalent to our Boat Pro Course), to become full members, and they have not seen much of an increase in membership.

Many arguments both for and against the Motion can be made, and both sides to this question have some valid concerns, but it will be up to your Squadron Bridge Officers to instruct the

Squadron Commander how to cast your Squadrons' vote.

So what does this have to do with you as a regular member now? It has to do with how you feel the vote should go. For or against this change in membership requirements. At the National Annual General Meeting, each Squadron is entitled to vote. If you feel strongly either for or against this Motion, PLEASE call any Officer of your Squadron Bridge to tell them,

before the October 21st deadline.

Their telephone numbers are available on the second page of this Anchorline.

If you would like to know more on this important issue, you can log onto the CPS web site, and enter 'Members Moorings' by using your membership number and name, and then join the 'chat line', using the same information. This medium is open to all members in good standing that would like to share information on boating issues.

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Safe Refuelling

- 1 Tie up the boat securely.
- 2 Stop engines and unload passengers.
- 3 Do not smoke, extinguish all open flame, close all openings: port holes, hatches, etc.
- 4 Fill portable tanks out of the boat.
- 5 Do not operate electrical switches.
- 6 Keep the nozzle in contact with the fill pipe, and avoid overfilling. Put cap back on.
- 7 Operate blower for at least five minutes.
- 8 Wipe up spilled fuel.
- 9 Check for fuel smell.
- 10 Start up engines and reload passengers.

 
Partners in Boating Safety

Meet your new Bridge! Come to our next monthly meeting...

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.

