

Monthly Squadron meetings are held at 1900 on the 2nd Monday of each month, at the Nanaimo Yacht Club (except July and August).

Any date changes will be announced.

Articles for publication must be in the hands of the editor by the 15th of each month.



2012
Year of the Dragon

Have a Great New Year



Commander's Comments

Upcoming events

- January 5 - Boating Registration at Br. 256 Legion, 1800 - 2030
- January 9 - NPS Meeting, NYC, 1900
- January 15- VIND Meeting, NYC, 1000
- January 17 - Ladies night, Longwood Brew Pub, 1700
- Feb. 3 - NPS Bowling Night, Brechin Lanes, 1900

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The training year has come to a close, and a new one rapidly approaches. I look forward to exciting developments in the New Year, such as the arrival of a new crop of eager young and not-so-young students in the Boating and other courses. In the coming year we hope to have more members coming out to enjoy our social events and cruises, as well as the meetings, where we will hear from speakers on a variety of interesting topics.

The graduation exercise for the Fall Boating course was held following the December business meeting. The students in attendance received their certificates and flags and were congratulated and given the pledge by District Commander Cliff Miller.

A short address by James Redford thanked the instructors, proctors and

skippers for the time and effort volunteered on behalf of the students. The group photo was taken by Velma (see page 5), and will no doubt appear on the website soon. Refreshments and coffee were available before and after the ceremony and if the noise in the room is an indication, a good time was had by all.

In the new year, I would like us to become more active in the community, with a presence at civic events and conservation efforts, such as the shoreline cleanup program. Any members wishing to participate or assist in such events is encouraged to contact me or any member of the Squadron Bridge.

Finally, we wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Arrr

Bill Weller

Nanaimo Squadron General Meeting
Monday January 9, 2012 at 1900
Nanaimo Yacht Club

Guest Speaker being arranged
We are hoping for a Blue Water Sailor
to tell us about his adventures!



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(go to the squadron website—click on the Lubber Line—and there is a link to the reader)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR NANAIMO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON WINTER 2012 COURSES

NPS is offering three courses in early 2012.

- Encourage friends and family members to take the **Boating Course** – starts Jan. 12, 2011.
- Sign up for **Seamanship** and build on your knowledge and skills – starts Jan. 11, 2012.
- Sign up for **Fundamentals of Weather** and learn how to understand and predict the weather – BEFORE you set out across the Strait of Georgia. Start Feb. 14, 2012

To register, go to <http://www.nanaimocps.org/courses/npscourses.html>. You can pay by credit card through a secure online connection.

For more information, email npsstrainingdept@gmail.com.

Agenda for meeting of Jan 9, 2012

Submitted reports on Lubber Line pages as indicated.

- A Call to order, 1900 hours
- B Welcome guests
- C Milestones
- D Commander's report
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Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2011 ACCOUNT BALANCES:

CHEQUING:	10,787.13
SAVINGS:	12,546.37
TOTAL	23,333.50

YEAR TO DATE

RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIP DUES	4,332.75
COURSES	8,612.00
TRAVEL ASSISTANCE ETC.	0.00
MEETINGS AND EVENTS	2,121.00
NEWSLETTERS & ADVERTISING	100.00
REGALIA	470.00
INTEREST & OTHER	583.96
OTHER	0.00
TOTAL	16,219.71

DISBURSEMENTS

COURSE MATERIALS	10,703.04
EXAMINATION FEES	784.04
CLASSROOM RENTAL	975.88
MEETINGS AND EVENTS	4,382.66
TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION	1,745.12
NEWSLETTERS & PUBLICATIONS	886.86
ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS	1,058.56
OFFICE, POSTAGE & STATION-	474.58
TELEPHONE & COMMUNICA-	167.81
TRAINING AIDS & EQUIPMENT	279.99
DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS	1,857.00
REGALIA PURCHASES	470.40
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Chief Proctor's Report

We've had 20 ATOs and proctors volunteer 247 hours in November for a total of 2119 hours for the calendar year. We've also had 37 hours of instruction and review in November for a total of 241 hours for the calendar year making a grand total of 2360 hours volunteered in the Boating Classes. 28 people have earned their Merit Mark this year through the Boating Classes. We had 20 students in the fall class and all of them passed the PCOC exam but not all passed the Boating exam. The final exam was Nov. 27 so there are no hours to report for December.

Thank you for volunteering – it's made my job possible.

Velma Taylor

Training Report

The training committee is in the final phase of completion of the schedule for the Spring Boating course and will be ready for registration in January.

Thank you to all the people who put in their time and effort to make the fall course a success.

We had graduation Monday December 12th, 2011. Arrangements are in place for the Spring Graduation and our Dinner and Dance in May, 2012.

I am pleased to say that, after attending the seminar on December 10th, 2011, 15 out of 16 ROC(M) students passed the examination and received their Restricted Operating Certificates.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Doug Reid
Executive and ROC(M) Officer

Advanced Courses Report

Update

As of December 13, 8 students have signed up for the Winter 2012 Fundamentals of Weather Course and 9 students have signed up for the Winter 2012 Seamanship Course. These interesting courses will be taught by expert instructors.

Robin Lines, a meteorologist with Environment Canada (that means a "weatherman"), will teach the Weather Course. Check out his website at www.weathercat.ca. Robin is not a boater and he is not a member of the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron – but he is a dedicated volunteer to our cause! Thank you Robin!

Dave Bowman is the Chair of the Seamanship Course. The course builds on knowledge and skills learned the Boating Course. The Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron's Seamanship Course has the added value of joining with the Boating Course for both the Big Splash and the Pirates Cove/Wakes Cove Cruise. Good fun and very educational!

The limit for both the Advanced Courses is 12 students – so there are only a few seats left. You can register and pay securely online by going to the "Courses" button on our revised website - www.nanaimocps.org.

Plans

We are now planning Advanced Courses for Fall 2012. Dwayne Partee has agreed to teach the Advanced Piloting Course and we are also hoping to also offer GPS and the newly revised CPS Boat & Engine Maintenance Courses (formerly Marine Maintenance Course). Anyone interested in taking an Advanced Course or helping out, please email npstrainingdept@gmail.com. It's your squadron – get learning!

Penny Grant
Advanced Courses Chair



Fall 2011 Graduation Night

General Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2011

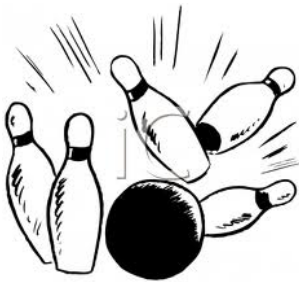
The meeting was called to order at 1910. Forty three members and students were in attendance. Our guest, District Commander Cliff Miller was introduced, and several graduands were welcomed. A minute of silence was observed for Philip S. Cook, deceased.

It was moved by Velma Taylor, and seconded by Richard Carignan to accept the consent agenda as published in the Lubber Line. The motion was accepted with none opposed. There was no old business to deal with, nor was there new business.

Sheila announced that she now has assistance editing the Lubber Line, and Alexa Stochmal announced the venue and time for the next Lady's Night.

It was moved by Sheila Boutcher and seconded by David Bowman that we make a donation of \$50.00 to the Foundation in honour of Philip Cook. The motion was passed with none opposed. There was a motion to terminate by Doug Reid at 1930 hours.

W. Weller/ For Jim Pittendreigh, Secretary



Mark Your Calendars Annual NPS Crazy Bowling Night February 3, 2012

**Brechin Lanes
East Wellington Road
1900-2100 (7-9 pm)**

Cost \$12.50 (includes bowling & shoe rental)

Fabulous prizes—expertise in bowling is a definite disadvantage

This is always a fun event

We go back to the Nanaimo Yacht Club for drinks and appetizers afterwards.

Sign up at the next squadron meeting

Website Report

If you haven't looked at the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron's website for awhile, now's the time. The original website – www.nanaimocps.org - was created by Jan Pullinger several years ago. It featured the "Ship's Wheel" graphic and provided lots of information.

Last year, Commander Bill Weller set up an interactive Ning website called www.nanaimopowerasquadron.ca This website was designed to allow social networking among members. In Fall 2011, Penny Grant revised Jan Pullinger's Website and linked it to Bill Weller's website. Now you get to the main website by going to www.nanaimocps.org and to the social networking site simply by clicking on the button "NPS Social Site" which appears at the top of every page.

www.nanaimocps.org now has a clean, fresh look and is very easy to navigate. It emphasizes Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron's aims of:

- 1) Training and education in safe boating: Go to the "Courses" button where you can register and pay securely online for the Boating Course and the Advanced Courses we are offering,
- 2) Comradship among boating enthusiasts: Go to the "NPS Social Site" button and share pictures and videos with other squadron members,
- 3) Voluntary boat safety checks: Go to the "Safety Checks" button and find out how to arrange for a safety equipment check for your boat.

We are planning to add a new page to the Website outlining the tasks of the various Bridge Officers in the Nanaimo Power Squadron. This will lay out - clearly, concisely and completely what is expected of squadron members who are interested in taking on a Bridge Position in the future.

Peter Kistler is the Webmaster. Take a look at the website and send your beefs, bouquets and bright new ideas to nanaimocps@gmail.com. It's your squadron – find out about it!

Penny Grant

Notice of General Meeting

In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Squadron Regulations, a **General Meeting** of the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron will be held at the Nanaimo Yacht Club on January 9, 2012 at 1900, for the purpose of:

- 1) Receiving, and if thought fit approving, reports of the Squadron Officers.
- 2) Receiving, and if thought fit approving, interim financial statements of the squadron.
- 3) Considering such further business as may properly come before the meeting.



Ladies Night Out
DATE: Tuesday January 17
PLACE: Longwood Brew Pub
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TIME: 1700 (5:00 pm)

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Public Relations Report

We are publicizing Boating and Advanced Courses in more than 30 different free sites in Nanaimo and area. Posters are up in marinas, chandlers, boat sales and at the Nanaimo Yacht Club and the Boat Basin. Free ads have been sent to our local newspapers, radio stations, community papers, and community television (shaw.ca). Free ads have also been posted to various online sites such as Craig's List and Harbour Living. To see a complete listing, check out About Us > Supporters on www.nanaimocps.org.

We have placed paid advertising in the Harbour City Star, Nanaimo Daily News, and the Nanaimo Magazine. As PRO, I have tried to develop a clear, positive and up-to-date image for the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron - while spending as little money as possible.

The message I am promoting is:

“The Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron is the place to go for:
 Basic and advanced education in safe and competent boating
 Comradeship with other boating enthusiasts
 Boat safety equipment checks.”

To catch the eye of techies (young and old), we are using QR technology. Here is an example. Scan it with your smart phone camera to find out what it says:



We are also encouraging potential students to check out the revised website – www.nanaimocps.org and to contact training through npsstrainingdept@gmail.com.

PR is always looking for talented people who would like to help with promoting the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron. If you would like to make your mark, please email npsprofficer@gmail.com
 It's your squadron – share the fun!

Mike Grant

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Highlights of Bridge Meeting December 5, 2011

Spring Boating course Registration (and all courses) will be January 5th at Br. 256 Legion from 6:00 to 8:30

It was decided to rent heated storage space for the squadron and which officers will have keys.


There was discussion on need for insurance on Storage Locker contents. It was decided that insurance on the contents would not be practical as the contents change rapidly.

The possibility was raised of the Squadron having a Facebook page. It was decided that there would be too much maintenance required and our squadron social website will suffice.

Discussed the CPS Foundation, and our problems with getting recognized for our past donations.

Next Bridge Meeting on February 6th. Commander Bill Weller decided not to have a Bridge Meeting in January, 2012.

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