

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.

Why not join us at Half Way to Xmas?

Upcoming events

- June 4 - Van Isle 360 Race starts
- June 3-5 - Floating Boat show, Nanaimo Harbour
- June 13 - Squadron Meeting, NYC, 1900
- June 17-19 - Half Way to Xmas, Telegraph Harbour.
- June 21 - Ladies Night, Crow and Gate Pub, 1700
- August 26-27 - VIND Rendezvous, Maple Bay Marina

Our Squadron Commander has not responded to my pleas for a message this month

I suspect that he is off sailing on the high seas and making use of all of the safe boating knowledge that he has learned through CPS

Lucky him!



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**Nanaimo Squadron General Meeting
Monday June 13, 2011 at 1900
Nanaimo Yacht Club**



**Speaker
Captain Lee Berrow—BC Pilot**

**He will show a DVD on BC coastal pilots
and tell us more about them.
(see page 5 for more information)**



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To read it you will need Adobe Acrobat reader—available on a free download
(go to the squadron website—click on the Lubber Line—and there is a link to the reader)

Training News

Well I suppose this is my first official report. Unfortunately I do not have much to report. It is the end of the classes and marks are all in. Doug is getting things organized so the new guy, me, will not have too hard a time.

We are still waiting for confirmation from National on exactly what the coming season's material will be like in terms of revisions. Over the next couple of weeks I hope to touch base with all instructors as to availability for the coming courses in the fall. I also need to make sure we are all up on the latest instructor certifications. Most of these will be a simple matter of the bridge signing off an endorsement as to your experience. If you have not heard from me in the next couple of weeks please call, or better still e-mail me. I figure I have a little time as new guy, before there is no excuse for why something is missed or forgotten, especially with the amazing support that is around me.

Have a great and safe boating season, and take a little time to think about what course you plan to take this fall to enhance the 2012 season's adventures.

Squadron Training Officer
Ken Swain



**Past Commander Barry
 entertaining us
 at the Dinner Dance**

VIND Annual Rendezvous

The Vancouver Island North District Rendezvous for 2011 will be held on the weekend of August 27 at Maple Bay Marina.

There will be an informal get together on the docks on Friday evening

On Saturday there will be games in the afternoon, followed by hamburgers provided at no charge by your District. You are asked to bring a potluck dish or dessert to share.

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Full details will be on the cover of the Roster which should arrive early in the summer.

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“On May 21, 2011 at 11 am, Nanaimo Power and Sail Squadron held its first ever “Ready, Set ,Inflate” Event to celebrate the launch of Safe Boating Week. Twelve people, including NPS members, staff and customers of West Marine, plus one dog, participated.

Big thanks to West Marine in Nanaimo for supporting the event and to everyone who turned out!

Ready Set Inflate is now in its second year nationally and is being celebrated all over Canada as a way of reminding people of the importance of wearing a life jacket while out on the water.

It would be great if we could make this an annual NPS event with lots and lots of members participating. You don’t need to wear an inflatable vest! If we plan ahead, it may be possible to get Mustang to support the event by providing replacement cylinders.”

What is a Marine Pilot?

A Marine Pilot is a professional licensed mariner whose role is to advise the Captain of a ship on the safest route to be taken to bring a vessel into its port of call. Under Canadian law, every foreign ship over 350 gross registered tons is required to utilize the services of a marine pilot when they enter the waters of British Columbia. BC Coast Pilots are leaders in the marine community and piloting profession. The BCCP work within the marine industry to deliver safe & efficient pilotage. They provide local knowledge and expertise to foreign ships, in order to protect environmental, economic and public interests.

British Columbia is home to one of the most pristine and ecologically sensitive marine habitats in North America with over 15,000 miles of coastline and over 30 ports. Marine Pilots have to be intimately familiar with their coastlines, inland waters, shoals, harbours, ports, weather, tides, shipping regulations and restrictions, and all types of ships and propulsion systems. At present: the average ship which uses BC pilots travels at 16 kts or greater, is 10 stories high (with another 5 stories underwater), is longer than 2 football fields (2 city blocks), carries 1.5 million litres of fuel, and ships have no brakes- it generally takes between 5-7 miles *just to slow down*.

The BC Coast Pilots are a private company consisting of 100 licensed marine Pilots and are committed to maintaining the highest level of professionalism and expertise in their duties- exhibiting a 99.98% incident free record.

It takes approximately 20 years to become a Pilot- starting from deckhand- with 10 years sailing as Master. Captain Lee Berrow is a 4th year Pilot, one of the youngest in BCCP, where the average age is 56. Capt. Berrow started his career on log-towing tugboats, and fish boats at age of 15. After University, he continued to work on various vessels; working his way up the ranks to Mate and finally Master at the age of 25. Capt Berrow holds foreign-going certificates, and large coastal Master licences. His sea-going career has taken him on: all types of tugs, barges, yachts, pocket-cruise ships, ferries, coastal freighters, pilot boats, and deep sea ships in various capacities over the years. This type of experience: having considerable coastal knowledge on all types of vessels, together with years of studying and hard work (and a little luck), led him to become licensed as a BC Coast Pilot at the age of 35.

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Mark your calendars!
Floating Boat and Marine Trade show
June 3-5, 2011
Downtown Nanaimo Boat Basin

Fri noon—1900
Sat—100-1800
Sun 100-1600

CPS will have a booth
The Van Isle 360 starts Saturday Morning

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 June 13 2011, 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 Monthly Night Out

DATE: Tuesday June 21

PLACE: the Crow and Gate Pub
in Cedar

TIME: 1700 (5:00 pm) onwards

Come out and enjoy an evening of fun, conversation, and good food. We always have a good time. This is our last outing before the summer (if it ever comes)

All ladies are welcome—members or not. We would love to have some of the new members join us.



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Half Way To Christmas Rendezvous

Join us for a fun filled weekend at the 16th annual "Half Way To Christmas" rendezvous at Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis Island, June 17-19, 2011. Many boats arrive on Friday evening, with an informal meet and greet on the docks as you arrive. Saturday, the fun begins... decorate your boat in the Christmas spirit – don't forget to hang your stockings for Santa to stuff. Join in with the games and treasure hunts (aka Dinosaur Egg Hunt) in the afternoon, then round out the evening with our Christmas BBQ while we wait for Santa to arrive. Bring your own meat for the BBQ and a pot luck dish to share.



There is a gift exchange, so if you want to receive a gift from Santa, you must bring a gift; maximum \$10.00. At dusk, the judging for the Best Decorated Boat takes place. On Sunday, there will be coffee and goodies on the dock first thing in the morning and we will announce the winner of the Best Decorated Boat by 0900. Don't forget the Market in the Pavilion from 1000 – 1200 every Sunday. Great gifts and goodies from the local residents.

WANTED!! EIT (Elves-In-Training)

This will be the 16th year that the Nanaimo Squadron has held it's "Half Way to Christmas" rendezvous and the elves are looking forward to retirement. The elves are looking for a few good people, who are children at heart, to help out with this year's rendezvous and take over for next year.

Please email Barb (bhoffstrom@shaw.ca) for "job description" details.

Don't be frightened off – if it was too difficult a job, I would not have been doing it for all these years!!

Barb Hoffstrom – Chief Elf



Change of Address or Boat Name

Member(s) Name.....

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