

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.



A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say 'How to Build a Boat

Stephen Wright



Commander's comments

Upcoming events

- October 4 - Big Splash, Beban Pool
- October 11 - Squadron meeting, NYC, 1900
- October 17 - Ladies night, Black Bear Pub, 1700
- October 20-23 - CPS National Conference, Halifax
- November 14 - Squadron meeting, NYC, 1900



After much deliberation and debate I think that we have arrived at a meeting format that will shorten the business portion of the meetings, leaving more

time for the fun stuff, such as speakers and socializing. This new format will not change the ability of Squadron members to have their say by voting on business items. The solution is to adopt what is known as a consent agenda for routine business; that is items upon which we all agree.

The consent agenda will be published in the Lubber Line prior to each meeting and will consist of routine reports from the various departments such as training, membership, finance, etc. Each report will be a

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**Nanaimo Squadron General Meeting
Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 1900
Nanaimo Yacht Club**

**Speaker
Past District Commander Bill Wilson**



**talking about the
Marine Parks Forever Society
and giving updates on various actions
of the Council of BC Yacht Clubs such as
protesting the proposed marina in Squirrel Cove etc.**



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separate item on the agenda, and in the ideal case adoption of all of the items in the agenda can be moved, seconded and approved in one fell swoop. But.... What if a member wishes to debate one of the items? (Perhaps he was out of town.) We simply move, second, and adopt all items except the contention one, and it becomes a separate agenda item that is dealt with in the usual fashion.

Since this will change in a substantive way how the Squadron does business, we feel that all members should have an opportunity to have a say in the change. Regarding this, please read the notice of motion elsewhere in this same issue (see page 5). Please inform yourselves of the implications of going over to this format and come to the meeting prepared to have your opinion heard.

On another topic, we are making significant progress on another thorny issue, that of the website. A small (but dedicated) committee has been working on the project and has come up with what I think is a good result. What we are trying to achieve is to make the site more welcoming and user-friendly while keeping the Squadron business, the presentation of boating and boating related courses, businesslike and orderly. The solution is to keep the present site, but add a social network area where members can post events, blogs and photos. We are hoping to launch the site before the next Squadron meeting in October.

Arrr

Bill Weller



Openings on the Bridge!

Here is the news that you have been waiting for. We have spaces on the bridge available for any eager and enthusiastic volunteers. After all, why should those already there have all the fun?

Specifically, there is opportunity for someone in **Entertainment**. The right person could be responsible for making coffee and providing snacks for the monthly meetings, as well as helping to organise the annual Commander's Dinner Dance, and other functions. This is a wonderful opportunity for the right person, and there is ample opportunity for advancement.

We also have an opening for an **Environmental Officer**, who will liaise with other agencies and help co-ordinate such events as beach cleanup campaigns, and environmental awareness for boaters.

Last, but certainly not least, there is a very prestigious spot as **Lubber Line Editor**. If you feel that you are able to take on any of these positions (or any other, for that matter) please e-mail Bill at bill.weller@viu.ca.

Note from the editor

*I will be more than happy to fill anyone in on putting the Lubber Line together. It is really not that hard, and I will happily do an issue if anyone is out of town. It is well past time for a change, and I am running out of ideas! **HELP!!!!***

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TRAINING NEWS

Boating

At the time of writing, we have about 20 students in the Boating class—down considerably from previous years! The classes are running on Thursday evenings at the Legion at Wellington and Bowen Road. The Big Splash is scheduled for Tuesday October 4. If you want to test your life preserver, or try climbing into a dinghy from the water, here is your chance.

As always, markers and proctors are welcome at the classes. It is a great way to refresh your own Boating knowledge. Just drop over at about 7 pm if you have a free Thursday evening.

Advanced courses

NPS is offering two advanced courses in early 2012.

Seamanship

Dave Bowman will be directing the Seamanship Course. Classes will be held weekly from January 11 to April 30. Most classes will be on Monday evenings. However because the Nanaimo Power Squadron holds its Monthly General Meetings on the second Monday of the month, Seamanship classes will be held on Wednesdays those weeks.

The Seamanship Course builds on techniques introduced in the Boating Course. Seamanship uses traditional navigation, GPS fixes, waypoints, along with the introduction of deviation, in the three homework cruises, and the examination take home cruises. This course offers: interpretation of charts, the DR plot, bearings, fixes, running fixes, Collision Regulations, and plotting and labelling in True and Magnetic. Seamanship explains the hazards of weather, wind, waves, tides, and tidal currents and how to deal with them. When unforeseen circumstances arise such as man-overboard or medical emergencies, the Seamanship course helps the student to acquire the skills to deal with life-threatening situations.

Fundamentals of Weather

Robin Lines, a former meteorologist, will be teaching Fundamentals of Weather on Tuesday evenings from February 14 to April 17.

This course covers many aspects of the formation and behaviour of the weather around us. Meteorology is quite technical in nature, whereas Fundamentals of Weather is presented in a clear, straightforward manner that eliminates much of the jargon. The study of weather is both fascinating and satisfying. The skills you will develop from this course will serve you for a lifetime. With practice, you will be able to make short term forecasts - challenge the professionals as to who better predicts the weather in your local area. With Fundamentals of Weather, you will forecast the weather beyond 'red sky at night'.

You can register for either or both courses by going to the Canadian Power Squadron website at <http://www.cps-ecp.ca> or email npstrainingdept@gmail.com.

*Penny Grant
Advanced courses chairman
grantpa@shaw.ca*

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2011

Chequing Account Balance	\$21,229.29
Savings Account Balance	\$12,508.18
TOTAL	\$33,737.47

YEAR TO DATE

July 31, 2011

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$3,792.75
COURSES	\$2,340.00
TRAVEL ASSISTANCE ETC.	\$0.00
MEETINGS AND EVENTS	\$2,121.00
NEWSLETTERS & ADVERTISING	\$100.00
REGALIA	\$120.00
INTEREST & OTHER	\$623.72
OTHER	\$775.00
TOTAL	\$9,872.47

EXPENSES

COURSE MATERIALS	\$2,374.19
EXAMINATION FEES	\$732.00
CLASSROOM RENTAL	\$0.00
MEETINGS AND EVENTS	\$3,069.00
TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION	\$0.00
NEWSLETTERS & PUBLICATIONS	\$499.60
ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$456.60
OFFICE, POSTAGE & STATIONARY	\$310.82
TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS	\$118.81
TRAINING AIDS & EQUIPMENT	\$279.99
DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS	\$144.00
REGALIA PURCHASES	\$470.40
Interest & Bank Charges	\$0.20
OTHER	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$8,455.61



Notice of Motion

Please be advised that at the October Meeting of the Nanaimo Power and Sail Squadron a motion will be made to change the business portion of the regular meeting to incorporate a consent agenda. The consent agenda will appear in the Lubber Line in the edition immediately prior to the meeting. Please refer to the Commander's Comments on page 3 for an explanation of the change.

Important Things to Remember

When buying a boat the most important thing to remember is speed. Unless the boat goes really fast, you might not get back in time to make the payments.

When boating, always avoid guys in cowboy hats who water-ski with a beer in each hand.

Always slow down when you notice a lot of people standing in the water.

Never tailgate a water skier. Very few have brake lights

In a boat, picking up hitchhikers is okay. With today's swimsuits, you don't have to worry about concealed weapons.

In Safe Boating Week, remember the first rule of boating safety. Stay away from water. Just leave your boat in the driveway.

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 October 11 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: Monday October 17

PLACE: the Black Bear Pub

Doumont Road, Nanaimo

TIME: 1700 (5:00 pm) onwards

Come out and enjoy an evening of fun, conversation, and good food. We always have a good time. We had a really small turn out in September. Let's have a few more ladies this month.

All ladies are welcome—members or not. We would love to have some of the new members join us. If you would rather not come by yourself, call Sheila at 756-9227 and she will be happy to pick you up.

Public Relations Report

The Power Squadron has many supporters in Nanaimo. The following businesses and organizations are displaying posters advertising CPS Training and Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks:

- Harbour Chandler
- Nanaimo Harbour Master
- Petro-Can Marine Fuels
- Nanaimo Yacht Club
- Newcastle Marina
- Stones Marina
- Nanaimo Marine Centre (Shipyard)
- Skippers
- West Marine

CPS volunteers now carry out **Vessel Courtesy checks**. Call Doug Reid (729-7578) or Ken Lemmon (753-6681) if you would like your boat checked, or if you have a friend who would like his or hers checked also.

Do **YOU** have all of the required safety gear on board? As a CPS member, you certainly should! Get it checked!

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Kevin Monahan, Local Knowledge, A skipper's Reference Tacoma to Ketichikan, A collection of critical resources for navigating the waters of the Inside Passage, 2005 (original \$25.00; asking \$12)

Anyone interested in buying them can contact **Judy** at 250 729-9956.

Membership Report

As of August 31, the Nanaimo Power and Sail Squadron total membership has increased from that of May 31 by 19 for a total of 451 to 470. We lost five associate members, but gained 24 regular and family members.

We have also had three members rejoin: Clayton Balabanov, Andrew Bohun and Grant Starko. Please make them welcome if you are talking to them, and we hope that they will become active in the squadron.

Lorrie Barnett

Membership Officer



Change of Address or Boat Name

Member(s) Name.....

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