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9 September 2003

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15 December 2003

Training - Fall courses start soon!

By Al Cumiford

Royal City Squadron is pleased to announce our Winter 2003 training sessions:

Boating

Marine Radiotelephone (VHF)

Piloting/Advanced Piloting

All courses are held once a week, starting at 1900 (7pm) at the Justice Institute (8th and McBride) in New Westminster.

The facilities are designed for adult education, plenty of free parking, large modern training rooms and most important; comfortable chairs and coffee.

Boating is offered in both the Fall & Spring terms.

Marine Radiotelephone (VHF) will be offered in the Spring term.

Piloting/Advanced Piloting is offered dependent on interest.

All our classes are kept small and informal, with a knowledgeable volunteer staff that have years of dedication to both the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) and the boating community.

For Registration or more information, contact:

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Boating Course

This is the premier boating course every boater should take to save money, pride and possibly your life!

Graduates receive their Canadian Coast Guard Operators Certificate.

Start: Tuesday 9 Sept 2003

Duration: 13 weeks

Fees: \$175 (spousal discounts available)

Pre-requisites: none

Exam date: TBD

Fish Fry!

By Harold Wright

On May 21st 1978, 22 boats of the Royal City Yacht Club and the Royal City Power Squadron anchored in Annette Inlet Prevost Island. The fishing had been very good and so they decided to make fish & chips. So was born what morphed into the Royal City Power Squadron's annual fish fry. There was

no question but that Stan Giles was the chief organizer and fish fryer - after all who knows more about making fish & chips than a refugee from Liverpool! I dare not mention who else was involved for the absolute certainty that some hard workers would be missed. For sixteen years, from 1978 to 1993 this

event took place and grew to the point where it seemed like our squadron was feeding the whole PMD. One year 900 portions of fish were prepared, cooked and eaten. On at least one occasion the great group of Royal City workers found that when the event was over there

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was nothing left for them to eat - no less than 285 lbs of fish having been cooked and eaten. The venue changed to Otter Bay on North Pender Island and people came by BC Ferries to Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island and

were shuttled by squadron volunteers on to Otter Bay. One year 81 people came in that fashion! Games were organized for the kids at heart - all done by volunteers. Eventually the destination became Deas Island Park but after two years it was obvious - it had been a lot of fun but the old crew

was getting tired and replacements were not coming fast enough. Then somebody asked "How come if this is our squadron's social we do all the work?" With that the "Worlds Largest Fish & Chip Cruise" came to an end.

BUT HOLD THE PRESS!

A new Century, a new Stan Giles and a new set of Workers and voila! The new Royal City Squadron Fish Fry emerges like the Phoenix from it's ashes! This time it will be limited to squadron members, students and their families - the last one was too successful. We hope this one will be successful too but we also hope that the limitations will make it fun for all - workers included.

So please come and lets celebrate the rebirth.

Queens Park large picnic shelter - Sunday 21st September.

Commander's corner

By John Neilson (Commander)

With summer drawing to a close, I hope you've all had your fair share of boating, but if not, or even if you have, there's still a few more weeks of warm weather left, so get out and enjoy them.

My major trip of the season was through the Gulf Islands, up to Princess Louisa Inlet and on to Desolation Sound with 2 other people in a 26ft. sailboat for 2 weeks. And we're still good friends! For the most part, the weather was very good, except for the legendary wind in our part of the world in the summer, or perhaps I should say, lack of wind, which meant that it was more like being in a very slow power boat, rather than a sailboat. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip and the bugs thoroughly enjoyed me, especially in Desolation.

How was your summer? If you've got a story about this summer or anything else to do with boating, give our editor a call or send him an e-mail. Sid would love to hear from you and he's eager to print your story in "The Mainsheet".

Back to the future. With Fall classes about to start, it's time to start, if you haven't already, thinking about taking an advanced or elective course to broaden you boating knowledge. Maybe you were wondering about something over the summer that could be explained in one of the courses. If you would just like to brush up on what you've already learned, proctoring is a great way to do that, and don't worry if you think that we might have too many proctors, we can never have too many.

See you in class!

Squadron
Congratulations to Lt. (Webmaster) Leisa Anker & 1st Lt. (Membership) Robert Blake on their marriage. Mr & Mrs Blake were married on 23 August 2003.

District
Pacific Mainland District will be conducting an Officer Training Course in Burnaby on Saturday, October 4/03, for all elected Officers, especially those newly elected or those elected to a position new to them. It is to teach people about the organisation

and how to carry out the duties of their position. It is an all day course and there is no charge. If any officer would like to attend, contact me and I will make the arrangements.

National
All District PROs attended a National Meeting to establish a National Media Advertising Campaign. As part of this meeting, they unanimously decided to consider a name change for our organization to make it more instantly recognizable and to be more self explanatory.

This obviously has caused considerable discussion nationally. I would like to invite all squadron members to express their opinions to the squadron bridge and myself so that we can represent the views of the squadron to the National Convention.

Your Bridge - 2003/2004

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9th Annual Pitt Lake Cruise

By Harold Wright

A number of years ago I was asked to arrange a hockey game at the old 4 Rinks during the Christmas holidays. We had a very cold spell and I received a phone call from the rink telling me they were canceling because it was too cold for their ice making machines! I had to phone people and tell them this. How many do you think believed me?

Well on Friday June 6th five boats arrived at the Pitt River Rail Bridge only to be told it was too hot for the bridge to open! Déjà vu all over again! Sort of.

We were lucky, a tug and tow were coming the other way and they had promised him a swing - we squeezed

through. Richard and Rhonda, however, were not so lucky. Arriving sometime later, they experienced a lengthy delay.

But from then on the Pitt Lake Cruise was about as good as it gets. The weather was perfect. Ran and Alley were, as usual, great hosts and even Patrick, getting a little more used to losing, didn't grizzle as much when Glen and Barb were anointed the new Bocce Champs.

Even with two last minute cancellations 14 boats took part in the cruise and

33 people sat down to dinner. No complaints were received at my end - I guess the weather, the trip and the facilities were just so good.



Events Calendar - Coming Events

Fall Boating Courses (1st Class) 9 September 2003 Tuesdays 7pm - 10pm

Justice Institute - 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster

Fall Courses Begin (Boating, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Maintenance). Please see article in this issue for further details.

Fish Fry 21 September 2003 Sunday 2pm - 6pm

#1 Picnic Shelter - Queen's Park, New Westminster

Enjoy Fish & Chips in the Park with your fellow Squadron Members. The Royal City Squadron legendary Fish Fry has returned. Please see article in this issue for further details.

Adults \$8 Children (10 and under) \$4 Tickets available from Bridge members and Instructors.

PMD Officer Training Seminar 4 October 2003 Saturday Time (TBD)

Location (TBD)

Pacific Mainland District is providing Officer Training Seminars for all newly appointed Squadron Officers. All Royal City Squadron Officers are strongly encouraged to attend this one day seminar focused on the duties required of each of the elected positions. Attendees should take a copy of the CPS Regulations. Please contact your Commander - John Nielson.

Social 20 October 2003 Monday 7pm - 10pm

Century House - 620 8th Street, New Westminster

Royal City Squadron hosts Socials where you can find out the latest Squadron news and enjoy meeting with other Squadron Members. Boating presentations are usually provided by Guest Speakers.

Guest Speaker: Peter Vassilopoulos - Author of "Docks and Destinations"

Christmas Party 15 December 2003 Monday 7pm - 10pm

Century House - 620 8th Street, New Westminster

Royal City Squadron will host it's Christmas Party/Social for the fun & enjoyment of all members. There will be Door Prizes & don't forget a Food Bank donation. More information in the next Mainsheet.

Olive's Regalia

Hats & Caps

Sweatshirts

Golf Shirts

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For Sale!

We're on the Web

www.royalcity.powersquadron.ca

Royal City Squadron is on the Web! All members and non-member can now visit www.royalcity.powersquadron.ca to obtain information on the services and activities of the squadron.

We hope that the website will supplement the services and activities that the squadron has always provided and will continue to provide.

If you have any comments and/or suggestions on the website please contact Webmaster, Lt. Leisa Anker.

2003 Change of Watch - Graduation Dinner

By Eleanor Hashimoto

May 31st saw a gathering of 52 Royal City Squadron members and guests at the Best Western Coquitlam Inn for the annual Graduation dinner and Change of Watch.

A lovely and plentiful hot and cold buffet dinner was enjoyed by all in the Palm Room thanks to the hotel's very capable catering and serving staff.

Guest of honour, Rhonda Jones, Pacific Mainland District Commander led the swearing-in ceremonies of the 2002-2003 graduating class and the 2003-2004 Bridge members aided by Past Commander Glen Blake and Training Officer Al Cumiford. Congratulations to our newest graduates of Safe Boating and Piloting, and all those who renewed their vow to



maintain "the course".

The "Bent Prop Award" was activated this year and the winner was none other than our Head Training Instructor and Historian, Harold Wright. Those curious parties who were not present this evening could probably obtain details directly from the

Stan Giles, Sr., Rick Doig, or Len Lambert!

A big "thank you" to the donors of our door prizes. The donations were varied and everyone is urged to support the businesses who were again so very generous in helping to complete our delightful evening.



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- Chevron (Ron Graham Marine)
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Donors:

- Royal City Squadron
- Ms. Sharon Allman
- Glen Blake
- Stan Giles, Sr.



Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS)

A nationwide organization emphasizing boating safety, power and sail navigation and offering accredited boating courses. Since 1938, the volunteer trainers of Canada's largest association of boating enthusiasts have offered safe boating courses across Canada.



Royal City Squadron

Dedicated to delivering Safe Boating Education to and promoting fellowship among the boating community in the New Westminster area, on the Fraser River and in the waters throughout the Region.

Mission Statement
To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

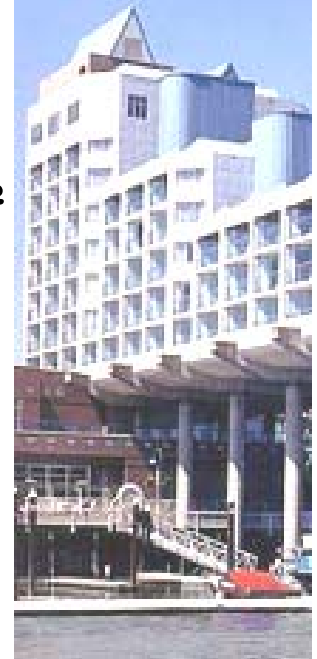
Sponsor Recognition

Many companies, organizations and people have supported Royal City Squadron in the last year. Please reciprocate this support.

THANK YOU!



Stan Giles Sr.



Martin Marine Services



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He'll eat for a day.
Teach a man to fish.
He'll sit in a boat and
drink beer all day.*



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