



# The Mainsheet

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## Schedule of Events

### Christmas Party

15 December 2003

### Spring Courses Start!

6 January 2004

### Social

16 February 2004

### VHF Course

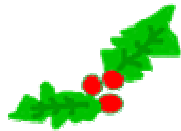
6 April 2004

### AGM/Social

19 April 2004

### COW/Graduation

29 May 2004



## Squadron Christmas Party 15<sup>th</sup> December

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Christmas Party/Wine & Cheese Social**.

The event will be held starting at **7:30pm on Monday 15th December, 2003** at Century House, 620 - 8th St., New Westminster.

The 2003 format was very enjoyable and so we will once again have a "Wine & Cheese" coupled with our local **Food Bank Drive**. Don't forget a donation for the food bank.

We will also have a **Door Prize Draw**.

Our guest speaker(s) for the evening will be a Noreen Rudd and David Hoar, authors of "Cooks Afloat!"



Come out and join the Bridge and your fellow Squadron members for a cozy evening!

### Course Registration

- Boating
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting

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### Olive's Regalia

*The Christmas Party is a great time to pick up regalia for yourself or a present for someone close to you.*

- Boating Course Gift Certificates
- Hats & Caps
- Sweatshirts
- Golf Shirts
- Burgees
- Other Boating items...

## Commander's corner

By John Neilson (Commander)



I've just arrived back from a trip to Australia and Thailand; the main purpose of which was sailing. We chartered a sailboat in the Whitsunday Islands (Great Barrier Reef) and then another one in Phuket. The weather gods smiled on us all the way as we left Vancouver in early October just ahead of the rains and again as we left the Whitsundays just ahead of storms moving in there.

Among the things that one notices when boating in another country, a few that stand out are:

1. Which system is in use? IALA-A or IALA-B? In the Americas we use IALA-B, while most, but not all other countries use IALA-A. The main difference between the two is that the red and green markers are on the opposite sides of the channel. You don't want to get caught out with that one, especially when they only have markers on one side of the channel.

2. Read the Title Block on your chart carefully. Both the vertical and horizontal datum's will most likely be different from what you're used to.

3. Don't assume that the depth sounder is calibrated properly or at the level that the charter co. says it is. Check it for yourself.

4. Not all charts are as accurate or contain as much detail as Canadian charts.

To sum up; before you go offshore for a boating holiday, brush up on your navigation skills and re-view what you learned in your Power Squadron courses. It'll stand you in good stead.

With our boating season rapidly drawing to a close, I'm left with some great memories of this year and I hope that yours are just as good.

Christmas greetings to everyone reading this and safe boating in the New Year.



### Squadron

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we announce that P/D/C Jim Radford JN passed away Dec.05-03. Jim was Squadron Commander of Royal City twice once in 1977-78 and again in 1984-85. District Commander PMD 1994-95. He received his life membership in CPS in 1993. Jim was the instructor for the advanced classes.

#### District

New High School Credits

The Ministry recognizes for credit the Canadian Power Squadron Piloting

Course for 2 credits at the grade 11 level.

If a student has CPS P plus 50 hours of verified marine field experience then it is worth 4 credits at the grade 11 level. This information can be found in the "Course Information" booklet, Chapter 2, located on the Ministry of Education's website at:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/courseinfo/chapter\\_2/chapter2\\_11.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/courseinfo/chapter_2/chapter2_11.htm)

#### National

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Services has issued a release to the effect that from the 1st

April, 2004, Canadian citizens should need a valid passport to enter the U.S. Many people are already using their passport when entering the U.S., but it will become mandatory if this measure is put into effect. This will mean that your passport will have to become part of your boating kit anytime that you are entering U.S. waters and if you don't have one yet, don't wait till the last minute to apply for one.

The total membership in CPS as of 21st July, 2003, was 33,770, as compared to 32,814 in 2002, for an increase of 2.6%. CPS now has 184 Squadrons across the country.

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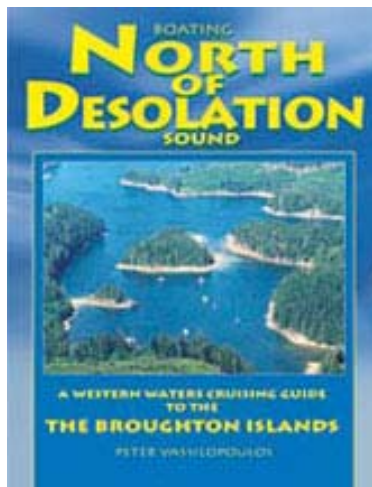
## October Social

By Eleanor Hashimoto

Royal City Squadron's first social of the 2004 Fall/Winter season took place at Century House on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> featuring well-known author and speaker, PETER VASSILOPOULOS.

Peter has sailed the waters of B.C. for over 30 years and has authored "Docks & Destinations", "Anchorages", "Antiques Afloat", and many articles. Currently at press is his latest publication entitled "North of Desolation".

This book will be available at your many marine book outlets well in time for Christmas!



Peter gave a slide presentation to the members present complete

with a very interesting commentary of the marine regions north of Desolation.



## Events Calendar - Coming Events

<b>Christmas Party</b>	15 December 2003	Monday	7:30pm - 10pm
Century House - 620 8th Street, New Westminster - "Oak Room"			
Royal City Squadron will host it's Christmas Party/ Wine & Cheese Social for the fun & enjoyment of all members. There will be Door Prizes & don't forget a Food Bank donation.			
Guest Speaker: Noreen Rudd and David Hoar, authors of "Cooks Afloat!"			
<b>Spring Boating Courses (1st Class)</b>	6 January 2004	Tuesdays	7pm - 10pm
Justice Institute - 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster			
Spring Courses Begin (Boating, Piloting, Advanced Piloting). Please see article in this issue for further details.			
<b>Social</b>	16 February 2004	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: TBD			
<b>Marine Radiotelephone (VHF)</b>	6 April 2004	Tuesday	7pm - 10pm
Justice Institute - 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster			
Marine Radiotelephone (VHF) course. Please see article in this issue for further details.			
<b>AGM &amp; Social</b>	19 April 2004	Monday	7pm - 10pm
Century House - 620 8th Street, New Westminster			
Royal City Squadron Annual General Meeting (AGM). Details to be announced.			
Guest Speaker: TBD			
<b>COW/Graduation Dinner</b>	29 May 2004	Saturday	7pm - 10pm
Change of Watch (COW) & Graduation Dinner for the 2003/2004 Training Year. Details to be announced.			

## The Practical Boater

By Rick Doig

Even before I was appointed as the Assistant Training Officer, I always bugged our members about taking additional courses and enquired as to what things they would like to learn.

The usual answer always came down to "I already know everything I need...I ain't going offshore...etc." So the question is why take other CPS courses other than boating...

### Here's my story:

This summer, arriving in Montague

after a fairly traumatic single handed crossing of the Straight, I prepared, as I have done before, to anchor. I went forward and gently lowered the anchor, the chain and some nylon, repeat, nylon rode. Returning to the cockpit, I put the engine in reverse and it immediately stalled. Looking over the side, there, "floating" on the surface of the water was a good portion of my "nylon" rode.

Interesting situation here, my secondary anchor is holding me in place while I'm pushing my primary's nylon

rode with the boat hook, trying to make it sink, optimistically thinking it might just fall off the prop/shaft which I knew by now it was totally wrapped around.

We all "know", because we all took the Boating course, that nylon is used for rode because it does NOT float, right?

So what have we learned so far: new nylon rope sinks; but old, yet serviceable nylon, when dry, is full of trapped air and will float quite well for some

time until it gets waterlogged and sinks.

Back to my predicament:

The general consensus from my boating neighbors was to call Seatow (yes, I am a member) or have a diver come out. Bottom line: pay some one to fix it.

My attitude was that I'll fix it myself. I knew how and was prepared for it (Remember, it's not "if" you will foul your prop on a rope or fishing line, but "when").

With the anchorage neighbours watching, single handedly I removed about 12 wraps of rope woven around my shaft and was back, with my engine reconnected and running within a half hour, and my rode intact.

This procedure could have been as safely performed in the winter and in a far more hostile type environment if needed.

How did I know how to do this: Pilot-ing Chapter 19.



Contact me and I'll give you the procedures if your interested. (But be warned, I'll will also be giving a sell job for other CPS courses).

## Spring Training Courses

By Al Cumiford

Royal City Squadron will be offering our Spring 2004 training sessions:

Boating

Piloting/Advanced Piloting

Marine Radiotelephone (VHF)

### 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 6 January 2004

Duration: 13 weeks

Fees: \$175 (spousal discounts available)

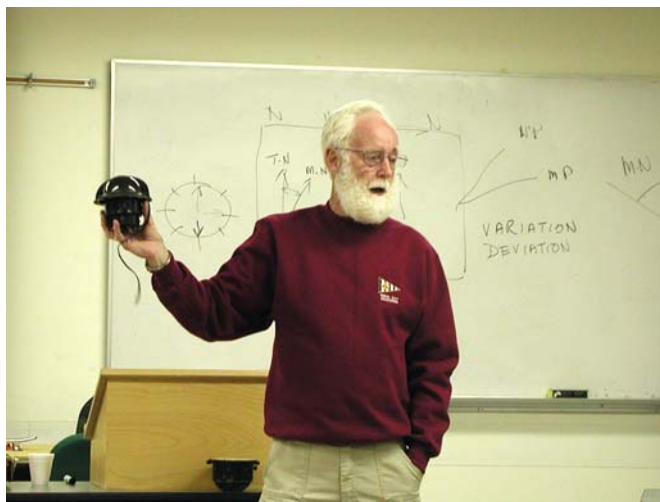
Pre-requisites: None  
- Open to the general public

### Piloting/ Advanced Piloting

The Piloting course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Boating Course.

Advanced Piloting presents advanced coastal navigation principles to enable you to know your vessel's position at all times.

Both courses offered dependent on interest.



Fees: \$50 Member, \$60 Non-Member

Pre-requisites: None - Open to the general public



### Marine Radiotelephone (VHF)

Learn the phonetic alphabet, as well as correct radio-telephone operation procedures. This course will enable you to pass Industry Canada's Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate Exam which is included in the course.

Start: Tuesday 6 April 2004

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.

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



## 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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (Again) Fish Fry

By Eleanor Hashimoto

What a glorious early fall day gracing our revisited annual Fish Fry! Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> saw a large group of members and their families gather at Queens Park in New Westminster to visit, network, and consume copious amounts of fish and homemade fries. The air was filled with the wonderful aromas of vinegar and ketchup as everyone chose their favorite accompaniments.

A very special and enormous "thank you" goes to STAN GILES, JR. who did all the cooking of fish using his special batter recipe, and to AL CUMIFORD and HAROLD WRIGHT who were the potato experts and servers. Thanks also to CHANTAL HUDSPETH and MARLENE GILES and others unnamed, who volunteered as "gophers". Many hours were spent by these members to provide the equipment, shop for all the supplies, build our Squadron a sturdy table for this purpose, chop and cook, and finally the clean-up.



The minimal cost was \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under ~ it's a marvelous value considering the abundance of great food available to all, and the great venue for a get-together. The only thing we can't take credit for is the superb weather this day.

Thanks again to those members named above, your Squadron looks forward to the "Second Annual Fish Fry" in 2004!

