



Royal City Squadron



Fall, 2006

# The MAINSHEET

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Summer 2006 has finally arrived and what great boating weather! The immediate thought is boating SAFELY. Communicate with your neighbours, golf buddies, relatives about the Boating Course offered twice a year through Royal City Squadron as well as other elective courses.

Our editors are seeking stories (humorous and others) of your personal boating experiences. Of course, the search continues for appropriate candidates who may be eligible for our 'Bent Prop Award' so your stories do not have to adhere strictly to "personal boating experiences"! Send in your favorite galley recipes, "for sale" and "wanted" lists, etc. to Lynn Kool.

As a member of the CPS National Conference 2006 committee, I am urging our members to review the April 2006 Canadian Yachting and the four-page spread about Pacific Mainland District hosting this annual event right here in Vancouver. It's been several years since the last one held here and what better opportunity for us to attend and learn this coming October. You'll find Registration information on page 22 and if you wish to participate as a volunteer at the Conference, call me at (604) 522-3448 please. Have a wonderful and safe summer!  
Eleanor Hashimoto, Commander

*All members are welcome to come on our cruises, and events. Get Involved in your Squadron!*

**A very warm welcome to Royal City Squadron  
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E-Mail Broadcast

Phone Committee

**We are attempting to update our membership roster.** If you have moved, or changed you phone number or email please let one of our membership officers know. Their emails are below. If you have move married, unmarried or remarried please let us know. Most importantly, if you have bought or sold your boat, please let us know.

## ON-GOING SAGA OF "FOUR SQUARE"

As many of you know, Keith and I have not used our boat for the past 2 seasons due to a fuel tank problem. Nevertheless, we decided to "get out there" this season and have had a lot of work (internal) done. We were both very anxious to take a shake-down cruise so in spite of a little port transmission problem, off we went on July 19th. We found Active Pass and made our way to Piers Island to spend a couple of nights at a friend's dock. The weather was fantastically warm and we putted along and fought the intermittent transmission from time to time but covered Port of Sidney, Sidney Spit where we were the only boat at the dock on a Sunday night!, Genoa Bay, Poet's Cove, and Montague Harbor. We met some fine people at the Marine Park dock where we were fortunate to find the best spot there, and we enjoyed a fun evening at the Humminbird Pub which of course, included a ride on the famous Humminbird Bus! We departed Montague fairly early and watched the weather in front and behind us as they were calling for thunder showers. However, being lucky, we came through Porlier Pass and into a window of bright sun! As we neared the mouth of the North Arm, Keith went below only to step into 3-1/2" of water in our aft cabin!! GULP. He lifted the hatch to the engine room and found about 18" of water down there. HELP! The bilge pump wasn't able to handle the volume of water coming in from what they later found to be a split pipe leading to the raw water pump on the port side. After a few calls back and forth to our marina, they sent a chase boat out to meet us in the River. WHEW! Included was the marina mechanic so he hopped on board with a pretty powerful pump which saved the day! We limped back to our marina, glad to have made it back in one piece as it was touch and go for a period of time. Never a dull moment around the "Four Square"! Once a second bilge pump and a high water alarm system, etc. are installed, we'll be off again as we've truly missed boating.



Submitted by Eleanor Hashimoto

## 2006 Calendar of Events:

September 12	Fall Courses Start	February 19	Social Evening
September 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry	April 3	Exam Night/Pub Outing
October 23	Social Evening	April 16	Annual General Meeting at 1930
October 28-28	CPS Nat'l Conference, Van	April 29	Annual Golf at country Meadows
December 5	Exam Night/Pub Outing	June 8-10(?)	Pitt Lake Cruise
December 11	Wine & Cheese Social-Food Bank		
January 9	Spring Courses Start		

## Social Report

### April 24 2006 Golf, Fun in the Sun!

Thanks for coming out and participating in our annual Fun Golf at Country Meadows. Congratulations to those who took part and achieved some great goals, and those who just came out and had fun. Eleanor came in first for the women's longest drive AND driving closest to the pin. Iz for his success in driving closest to the pin. And, Doug Kurek for men's longest drive, narrowly beating his host, John Ottens.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Thanks again and look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

Best regards, John Ottens P.R.O.

**Pitt Lake Cruise 2006** nearly had a Man-Over-Board experience when the Captain of this vessel ploughed by on our starboard side painfully close & at a speed almost impossible to believe, creating a huge wake for our small boat, while en-route to Pitt Lake.

Thanks to the skill of the man at the helm of "No Hurry", the little boat rode it out, but not without a close call for a crew member about to exit the aft end & climb up the companionway to the upper deck when the monster wave hit.

With one hand on the ladder railing & a wonky left leg about to be placed on a chair for extra height...whomp! the boat suddenly leaned over to portside with such ferocity, it almost catapulted the poor fellow right over the side. His untimely departure was averted when his free hand managed to grab the other handrail of the ladder, while his upper body was already over the gunwale with nothing but the mighty Fraser awaiting to break his fall.

I am thankful to be here today, to tell and share this experience with you. The call to duty: '**All Hands On Deck**' may well have more meaning to me than ever before! The attached photo is believed to be that of the offending vessel.



Name intentionally withheld!!! ..... :-)  
Submitted by John More



## ROYAL CITY REGALIA

Show your pride in your squadron by sporting a nifty piece of regalia!

PRICE LIST 2005 (contact John More 589-2184)

Blazer Crest	\$13.00	Golf Shirts	\$36.00
C.P.S. Flags 12x20	\$ 9.00	“ Dry Force	\$43:00
8x13	\$ 8.00	Henley Shirts	\$28.00
C.P.S. Neck Tie	\$25.00	Lapel Pins (CPS)	\$ 6.00
Caps R.C. (Ball Type)	\$10.00	Royal City Burgee Pins	\$ 5.00
Caps R.C. (Tilley Style)	\$14.00	Royal City Burgee	\$15.00
Casual Cap Crest	\$ 3.50	Sweat Shirts	\$35.00
Fleece Vests w/RCS logo	\$52.00	Wind Breaker Crests	\$ 4.75

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Change of watch 2006 The annual Change of Watch and dinner was held May 13th at the Royal City Riverboat Casino. Distinguished guests included Mayor Wayne Wright, Cheryl Gauld, D/C Art Rendell and wife Heather. They joined 52 others to witness graduating new members pledged and to renew

their own CPS pledges as well. The buffet dinner was well received and everyone enjoyed viewing the DVD of social gatherings and photos provided by Historian, Harold Wright. Our PRO/Socials officer, John Ottens and his team did a splendid job of obtaining door prizes which were drawn at the end of the evening. May 12, 2007 COW celebration will commemorate our 50th anniversary so be prepared to get your tickets early!

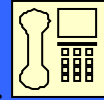
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Past Commander 2002-2003	Glen Blake	



If you have any questions or would like to see specific items of interest in the Mainsheet, please contact me by email at [lynnf@sfu.ca](mailto:lynnf@sfu.ca), or phone at 604-588-1902. Your stories are appreciated!

This has been the best boating summer I have had in a while, and there have been many. I have seen dolphins, porpoises, sea lions and talked to a few seals. I have seen fireworks for Canada Day, and for the competition. This picture was taken on Canada Day, 2006 in Parksville Bay. We were practicing our man overboard procedure, and I just happened to get some great pictures of the boat. Yes, those are the pasty white legs of your Mainsheet editor! I hope every one of you had a summer as wonderful as mine. Please send me your stories, or pictures, or I will have to put more pictures of my feet in your newsletter! You can also place a business ad, the cost is a small contribution towards teaching aid for a boating course or social.



## Weather Report:

Environment Canada/ Marine Weather Free Services

### Weather Phone:

Vancouver	(604) 664 - 9010
Victoria	(250) 363 - 6717
Nanaimo	(250) 245 - 8899
Comox	(250) 339 -8044
Campbell River	(250) 286 - 3575
Port Hardy	(250) 949 - 7148
Prince Rupert	(250) 624 - 9009
Internet	<a href="http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca">www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca</a>

## Classified Ad:

Wanted: a used dinghy (max. length 9 feet) and/or 4 or 5 HP, 2 or 4 stroke outboard motor. Call Keith at (604) 540-0852 or cell (604) 619-7530

Email [lynnf@sfu.ca](mailto:lynnf@sfu.ca) or call 588-1902 to place an ad in the next edition of the Mainsheet

<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u> Fall 2006	<u>Start Date</u> Spring 2007	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Boating</b> <i>Prerequisite:</i> None. Open to the general public. The Boating Course is the first in a series of courses to help you become a better and safer boater. It includes the exam for the Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)	September 12, 2006	January 09, 2007	\$ 195. \$ 320. family of two
<b>Maritime Radio (VHF)</b> <i>Prerequisite:</i> None. Open to the general public. Passing this Course will enable you to receive Industry Canada's Radiotelephone Restricted Operator's Certificate – "ROC (M)".	N/A	April 10, 2007	\$ 50. for members \$ 60. for non-members
<b>Piloting</b> <i>Prerequisites:</i> Boating Course and CPS Membership. Course extends the navigation and vessel-handling techniques Pre- introduced in the Boating Course	September 12, 2006 *Depending on skills interest. Pre-register to show interest	N/A	\$ 120.
<b>Advanced Piloting</b> <i>Prerequisites:</i> Piloting Course and CPS Membership. Expands on previous courses. Chart work will be developed to standards recognized in the maritime industry	N/A	January 09, 2007 *Depending on skills interest. Pre-register to show interest	\$ 130.
Navigating with GPS <i>Prerequisite: CPS Membership</i> Simple explanations of the system which makes GPS so effective as a navigation and location aid. Methods of extracting the maximum navigational and safety information from this equipment	N/A	January 09, 2007 *Depending on interest. Pre-register to show interest	\$ TBA

**Course Location:** The Justice Institute  
715 McBride Boulevard  
New Westminster, B.C.

**Course Time:** Tuesday Nights 1900 hrs – 2200 hrs

**Registration:** First night of each class

**Pre-registration or for more information:** **Phone:** Don Hudspeth @ (604)522-3477, or Al Cumiford @ (604)299-1532  
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