



Royal City Squadron



Spring, 2006

# The MAINSHEET



**Stanley Joseph Giles:**

born March 19<sup>th</sup> 1917 in Liverpool England. Died in Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, B. C. Canada, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2005. Survived by his wife Christine, son Stanley, daughter Margaret and former wife Margaret.

The foregoing tells you absolutely nothing about the man we all knew simply as Stan. And these words will not do him justice.

Stan was born in Liverpool to a working class family and his date of birth placed him at an age to be seeking work at the height of the Great World Depression. The lack of work, the exuberance of youth and his ideals made him a natural when the International Brigade recruiters arrived. In 1936 he set off to join this rag-tag army and help to unseat the powerful army led government of General Franco of Spain and its Nazi German ally. The Brigade was unsuccessful and Stan was captured, imprisoned and sentenced to death. Forced to work and bide their time until their name was called Stan survived as he watched two of his mates taken away and executed each day. The war's end meant his sentence was commuted to 30 years imprisonment and he was transferred to a proper prison. Franco soon got tired of feeding him and Britain's late developing conscience meant he was transferred home just in time- for W.W.II. He was enlisted in the army, and shortly thereafter, sent to France as part of the Expeditionary Force sent to bolster the French defenses against Nazi Germany. The French collapsed and the British were trapped. Stan became one of the thousands who waited on the beaches of Dunkirk, being strafed and bombed, for the history making fleet of small ships that came to rescue them. He decided he had had enough of the infantry so he transferred to the motor pool and was immediately sent to Burma as an ambulance driver. His job was to slip behind enemy lines to rescue wounded resistance fighters. Liverpool must have seemed awfully dull after all this so after working a few years he set off for Ontario in 1952. He soon returned home but came back to Canada in 1957- B.C. this time. And this time it took! He spent the rest of his long life here.

It took almost a year for Stan to get involved in boating. His son Stan had a 17' boat built and senior powered it with a new Johnson outboard he was able to buy from I.E.L, in Burnaby, who manufactured chainsaws and distributed outboard motors. Stan had bought a small janitorial business and I.E.L. was one of his biggest clients. The first outing of the Stan/Stan partnership was inauspicious. Having set out with "road map" in hand they wound up on the mud flats at the mouth of the North Arm of the Fraser. When he mentioned people used road maps to his boating class he knew of what he spoke. Stan was later to become a regular Saturday customer- having reserved #17- for several years at Tom Sewell's in Horseshoe Bay. On one of these excursions he was entered in the Sun Fishing Derby. The organizers dropped bottles in the water with

dollar value certificates in them. Sharp eyed Chris found three of them worth a total of \$175. On the way home he and Chris decided that if she would use her new wealth to buy an engine he had enough to buy a Dreamboat from Woodward's. And so began their boating life together. Stan graduated to a Matsumoto built cabin cruiser of about 26' which he called the Wanganui after the river and town in New Zealand to which his family had emigrated. In October of 1974 the keel was laid for Wanganui II. He, Roy Johnson and George Hunter(the famous boat builder)constructed the vessel and it was commissioned in June 1976.

Before he came to Canada this man had lived a fuller life than most of us will achieve. It was in B.C., however, that he found his true home and was to become a boater, instructor and social convener of legendary status. He joined Royal City Squadron upon completing the Boating Course in 1967. In 1969 he took the Instructor Training course and assumed the role of instructor for the Boating course. This he did, without a break, until 1997. While doing



this he found time to be Commander for a year and to write, edit, print and mail the Mainsheet, with Chris's able help, for many years. He originated, organized, bought and transported the food and was the Chief Fryer at the "World's Largest Fish Fry". This continued for close to fifteen years. He was not a Charter Member of our squadron but he was the glue and the energy for many years. His stories in the Mainsheet garnered a wide following and the Wanganui was known and welcome up and down the coast.

If there is a heaven and one can choose their own I think I know where Stan is. There must be a heavenly Whaler Bay and Stan is there, pattering on Wanganui, welcoming his many friends with that wide smile and strong handshake. There will be fresh crab on the saloon table, G & T's all round and he is looking forward to whopping all and sundry at Yahtzee. Pass the cup!

Submitted by Harold Wright



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



I trust everyone now has their heads wrapped around the upcoming boating season. Maintenance, cruise-planning, perhaps preparing to buy a boat for the first time (or you've been bitten by "footitis") ~ whatever the reasons, our common interest and love of boating seems to govern our lives over the next several months. Along with this exuberance to get "out there", comes some responsibilities.

As a reminder, I invite everyone to become familiar with some of the more common regulations and related fines regarding boating and the federal Contraventions Act which became effective in 2005 for British Columbia boaters.

### Some of the penalties are:

Vessel operator cannot show his Pleasure Craft Operator's card .....\$250

Underage operator, including PWC operators under 16..... \$250,

Failure to have on board proof of age of operator .....\$250

Insufficient PFDs, /Lifejackets.....\$200

Insufficient fire extinguishers .....\$200

Careless operation of a vessel.....\$200

All refueling infractions, inside or outside vessel— each.....\$100

Failure to comply with a Peace Officer.....\$100

Licensing of vessel: failure to produce license papers; no hull ID#..... \$100

All towing of people infractions: (spotter, seat, after dark,).....\$100

Failure to exhibit proper lights at night or in limited visibility.....\$100

Failure to have on board as prescribed for your vessel:— 15m heaving line, manual propelling device, bailer; flares, watertight flashlight; sound signaling device; anchor& rode.....\$100 each infraction

Needless to say, as we've learned in our Boating Course (and based on what we've all personally experienced at one time or another), it is our responsibility to be vigilant and safety-conscious at all times while out on the waters to avoid mishaps, damages, and threat to lives.

Your Bridge is looking forward to another successful graduating class and invite all members to the Change of Watch in May! Join in the ceremony of inducting new members to CPS and our Squadron. Please refer to another section of this issue of Mainsheet for information regarding this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Hashimoto, Commander

A very warm welcome to New Royal City Squadron members:  
Martin Eady  
Thomas Grant  
David Maglio

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

## ROYAL CITY SQUADRON'S 49th CHANGE OF WATCH

Come join your fellow members for a satisfying evening at the floating casino for a buffet dinner to welcome your 2006-2007 Bridge, and participate in the induction of new members to our ranks. There will be door prizes too!

PLACE: ROYAL CITY STAR RIVERBOAT CASINO  
788 Quayside Drive (at New Westminster Quay)

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

TIME: COCKTAILS (No host bar) at 1800 (6:00 p.m.)  
DINNER at 1900 (7:00 p.m.)

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT - John Ottens (604) 312-3560  
- Harold Wright (604) 522-1012  
- Keith Davies (604) 540-0852  
- Debbie Thomas (604) 708-2456

(Deadline: Wednesday, May 3, 2006 so book early!)

We would like to send a big thank you to  
**Popeye's Marine and R.V.  
Catalog Shop Inc.**

for their contribution to our boating course.

Check out their website at:

<http://www.popeyescatalogshop.com/>



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Patrick has bought a boat!

Rumour has it that he searched the west coast, the east coast, the Mediterranean and the Mac Kenzie Delta – and all the while it was waiting in False Creek. It's a beauty! A 36' Grand Mariner in near Bristol condition which he brought to his moorage at Shelter Island. Many happy and successful cruises Patrick and Marie!

## Treasures & Trash

What new nautical item would you like to brag about, or has caused you nothing but headaches. (submitted by Don Hudspeth)

We have a 28 foot command bridge driven by a single screw that pulls to port when in reverse. Docking can often get interesting, especially when grappling with currents in the Fraser River where we moor, or when in confined circumstances which call for a starboard docking. We found a treasure in a "dock hook" which is simply a configured stainless steel hook attached to a 20 foot line. When there's no one on the dock to catch a line, the first mate simply tosses



the hook across to the dock, and then pulls the boat in. The design of the hook is such that it will automatically hook onto a cleat, or a 4 x 4, or if there's nothing handy on the dock to hook on to - just toss it into the water on the far side of the dock, and it grabs that far edge of the dock when slowly pulled back. The first mate particularly likes the fact that she no longer has to wrestle with "that stupid boat hook" or even worse climb up on the gunwale and jump across a 3 to 5 foot gap, to secure a mooring line to the dock. It works great and we like it! The commercial unit we have is called "Dock Hooker" and retails for between \$35 - \$50.



## Hey! This One is Special

*The 12th annual Pitt Lake Cruise at Christian Cove*

Next weekend- June 9th 10th & 11th

All the usual excitement:

- Barbecue
- Wiener roast
- Campfire
- Bocce
- Horseshoes
- Wellie Toss

Wow!

Only \$12.50 per person(pre teens free)plus your moorage.

I do need to know if you are joining us as I will be buying food for the barbecue and wiener roast.

Come and enjoy yourself!

**Call Harold- 522 1012**

PLEASE CONTACT KEITH DAVIES, (604-540-0852) ASAP TO RESERVE A ROOM.

Email [lynnf@sfu.ca](mailto:lynnf@sfu.ca) with pictures and stories please!

## 2006 Calendar of Events:

April 23	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Country Meadows
April 24	Annual General Meeting at Century House
May 13	Change of Watch & Graduation Dinner at Royal City Star Casino
June 9, 10 & 11	Annual Pitt Lake Cruise

## Social Report:

I am sure you are all thankful for coming out Feb 20, to enjoy our guest speaker Captain Allen O. Domaas. The Captain gave an awesome presentation packed with information, on a variety of local topics.

He is a very busy individual, and I appreciate him coming out to speak to our group. I look forward to seeing you all at our next function.

Our next guest speaker will be coming to us from Hover Craft Canada. Mr. Brent Dennis has an approximately 45 minute Power Point Presentation to offer us on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at The Century House. Mr. Dennis will begin his presentation at 7:30 PM. Hope you can all come out and enjoy his knowledge on Hover Craft.

Regards,  
John Ottens PRO

## Royal City Squadron Bridge 2005-2006

Officers	Name	Phone
Commander	Eleanor Hashimoto	522-3448
Lt. C Executive Officer	Keith Davies	540-0852
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1st Lt. Secretary	Chantal Hudspeth	522-3477
1st Lt. Treasurer	Barbara Blake	525-1751
1st Lt. MAREP/Environment	Sharon Allman	526-2113
1st Lt. Membership	Robert Blake	444-2684
1st Lt. PRO/Socials	John Ottens	522-2405
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	Heidi Oetter	517-0405
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Lt. Training Assistant	Don Hudspeth	522-3477
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Lt. At Large	Walter Kuhn	430-2298
Lt. At Large	Tom Davy	526-7443
Lt. At Large	Olive Connor	433-2047
Lt. At Large	Colin Walliser	584-8433
Past Commander 2004-2005	Sid Lechner	290-1991
Past Commander 2003-2004	John Neilson	524-8402
Past Commander 2002-2003	Glen Blake	



### Membership Benefits

There are many benefits to membership in CPS. The club fosters friendships and camaraderie among its members, and offers the opportunity to share knowledge and skills. We also hold a number of interesting and fun social activities throughout the year. See our Events Calendar for more details. Besides these great benefits and being able to register for our Advanced courses that are only open to members, you can also receive:

Six issues of Pacific Yachting Magazine. Additional issues only \$1.96 each  
 CPS \*Associates' Boat Insurance Program...Save up to 5%  
 CPS \*Members' Boat Insurance Program...Save up to 40%  
 Speedy Club Membership - discounts on services and tires at Speedy Muffler King  
 Receive Canadian Yachting Magazine  
 Half-Price Membership with BOAT/US  
 CPS/Choice Hotels Program...special room rates at certain hotels  
 Delta Hotels...Save 10%  
 National Car Rental (Canada) - Affinity and Association Benefits Program  
 Canada Propeller ... save up to 20%  
 Computer System Center (CSC) - Computer hardware and software discounts.  
**And of course the pleasure of the company of other boating enthusiasts!**

### 5TH ANNUAL FUN GOLF

Open to members and their families/friends  
 Come and have some relaxing fun at  
**COUNTRY MEADOWS GOLF COURSE**  
 8400 No. 6 Road, Richmond  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd**  
**TEE TIME IS 1336 (1:36 p.m.)**  
**FEE IS \$25.00 pp tax included**  
 Golf participants are to bring along a prize so that each golfer ends up being a winner!  
 Dinner (good food!) in the Clubhouse after the round at your own expense.  
 Contact Eleanor at (604) 522-3448 or e-mail to ehashimoto@recochem.com to book your spot!  
 Deadline for sign-up is Thursday, April 13th.

To receive the rest of the Pacific Yachting issues call 1-800-816-0747

Costs: 6 issues \$11.96 (1 year)  
 12 issues \$23.52 (2 years)  
 18 issues \$35.28 (3 years)

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