

Royal City Squadron

Spring, 2007



The MAINSHEET



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Since this will be my final input to this column, I am going to deviate from the usual information I try to pass on to our membership. Instead, to quote Keith, my spouse and your next Commander,

Come, be a part of our History!

**Join us for our special 50th Anniversary
Change of Watch on May 12th.**

50 years of being an active and viable squadron within Canadian Power & Sail Squadron is an enormous accomplishment. And the basis is the strength and passion of volunteers who so willingly give of their time, effort, knowledge and expertise to the boating community and beyond.

I will continue to remain a proud and active participant as Past Commander of Royal City Squadron, and may the next 50 years be as rewarding for each and every one of you as the last few years have been for me. Thank you all for your kind and generous support!

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Hashimoto, Commander

**Please note: Call to Dinner will be at 1830
(6:30 p.m.) sharp)**



Picture of *Keith and Eleanor* at the 2006 CPS National Conference held in Vancouver: from Canadian Yachting (They gave me one of them all dressed up and looking spiffy, but I like this one better)

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*ANNUAL FUN GOLF! Members and families/friends are welcome to join us for a round of golf at an excellent executive sized course with a great dining facility! If you don't golf, join us for dinner around 5:30! Golfers are reminded to bring a prize so that each golfer receives one at the end of the day.*

*COUNTRY MEADOWS GOLF COURSE 8400 No. 6  
Road, Richmond, B.C. Date: Sunday, April  
29th Tee time: 1330 (1:30 p.m.) Contact Eleanor at  
(604) 522-3448 or email [ehashi@telus.net](mailto:ehashi@telus.net) to confirm  
attendance no later than April 13th.*

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"All Boaters are reminded that the Canadian Coast Guard has moved to channel 83A as the working channel. This replaces channel 22A. Channel 22A may still be available in some areas since it will be used for coordination with the USCG, but you should always call CCG on 83A, which is monitored continuously. There is no need to call on channel 16 first, except in an emergency, of course."

Maiden Voyage on the Fraser
By Georgina & Robert Ascroft

Our “new” 32 foot powerboat *SeaGlider* rested dockside in a Richmond Marina. Our challenge was to move her to a Ladner Marina during the seemingly endless January days of crossing frontal systems. Finally the weather co-operated, a sunny day with a forecast for high winds in the late afternoon. The journey up the Fraser’s North and South arms would take 1½ hours. We should be safely docked before the wind increased. At 1030 we left the dock and squeaked under the airport road bridge on a small falling tide. “Piece of cake” we said. Starting up the North arm in a light breeze, three pair of eyes – the broker had come with us – peered though the windshield. Calls of “12 o’clock, 200 yards, 10 degrees port” and “hard to starboard” helped the helmsman steer gently around river logs and debris. The railway bridges opened magically as we approached and at Queensborough we turned south. Then our luck changed.

By 1100 the wind had increased. Near the Alex Fraser Bridge the rippled waves were suddenly 4 feet. The increasing wind was now coming dead on our bow, the temperature dropped, and the tide was turning. Three faces pressed close to a cooling windshield created condensation that the fans couldn’t remove. Five hands (one hand steering) frantically started wiping off the condensation. Wham! – the boat dropped what seemed like a mile into a trough – the bow cut into the wave and water rushed over the deck and up the windshield. The wipers rhythmically stroked to clear the water; time to steer a zigzag course. Wiping condensation and peering for logs became our total focus. Frequently, we took water over the bow although the diagonal steering was easier.

The depth sounder kept screaming alarms so we turned it off.. Wham! Heads whirled around to see a log about 20 feet long and 4 inches thick surface aft of the boat. Pitching in the waves we cautiously tested the props at different speeds while listening for any vibration or unusual sounds. “Might have just won the *Bent Prop Award*” someone muttered. Finding no leaks and with normal propulsion, we resumed course and speed.

Suddenly a tug and barge appeared and overtaking them was a truck ferry which crowded *SeaGlider* out of the channel. Still peering through the spray and swishing wipers we crept closer to the Massey Tunnel and the turn to Captain’s Cove. The wind was now howling.

As we steered into the cove the wind now pushed us forward. Our plan to refuel was scrapped as we “sailed” pass the gas dock. Fortunately, *SeaGlider*’s new home slip faced into the wind and the broker, more familiar with this boat, finessed it into the dock. An hour late, but safe and sound, we secured the boat.

Our maiden voyage is completed. What an experience! We look forward to less challenging but still captivating future voyages.

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## Recipe

*I am a working single mom to 3 kids who has a full time high pressure job and no time, so when it comes to a quick and easy meal that you can cook in a small space, I could be considered an expert. Here is a recipe for easy seafood linguine with vegetables. I only have a 2 burner stove on the Santa Clara so it can't be too difficult. I have never given a recipe to anyone so have patience. (Lynn)*

Cut up ½ cup broccoli and put that and linguine in boiling water, drain and set aside when cooked.  
Fry up a package of frozen prawns and scallops in butter and set aside (unless you have harvested the fresh stuff on your voyage!).  
Mix together 1 package of Knorr’s dry Alfredo sauce (requires milk).  
When sauce is ready mix together: sauce, seafood and broccoli and linguine, save yourself from dishwashing use a pot big enough for all to cook the pasta and broccoli in.  
Heat for a few minutes and serve, I hope you like it.

**You could save other people from attempting my recipes by sending in your own.  
Save a meal send in a recipe.**



**May 12 *Change of Watch* @ 1800**  
**Door Prizes**  
**Dancing to the music of the 'Baysiders Band'**  
**Call Keith, Harold or Eleanor for tickets 604-5223448**

\$45 per ticket

## 2006 Calendar of Events:

April 3 *Exam Night/Pub Outing*

April 16 *Annual General Meeting* at 1900  
with guest; Sgt. Chiu from New Westminster Police  
Topic is 'Boat Security'

April 29 *Annual Golf* at country Meadows

May 12 *Change of  
Watch*

June 7-9 *Pitt Lake Cruise*

September 23, 2007 *Annual Fish Fry*

### Welcome to new members:

- Alan Barlow
- Olivian Ciobanu
- Alecsandra Coibanu
- Roman Fleming
- Hunter Markvoort
- Jan Markvoort
- Valerie McQuatt
- Yumi Ono
- John Prasad
- Kevin Sorensen
- Noboru Takizawa

*All members are welcome  
to come on our cruises,  
Get involved in your Squadron*

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In Memory of the passing of Royal City Squadron member and friend Chris Giles.

Born July 5, 1917 in New Westminster and passed away January 9, 2007. She became a CPS Life Member in 1977. Chris is predeceased by her husband, Stan Giles.



### \*\*\*\*\* For Sale \*\*\*\*\*

**For Sale:** Navigation Computer with 15" LCD monitor

Hardware in a 13" case, Software: Windows 98

Navtrek Visual Navigator v5.0, P1 charts

P2 charts (Mainland coast above the Island)

Tides and Currents – perpetual, Clean installation.

As a bundle, only \$500. You supply keyboard, mouse and GPS.

Contact Erik at 604-789-2492 after 1900 on week days.

**For Sale:** 3-seater couch and matching loveseat plus 2 tub style chairs available last week of March. Very well made and in good condition. Asking \$400 and buyer's responsibility to move. Call (604) 522-3448 for details.

**Wanted:** Volunteer, PRO/SOCIALS Bridge position

Call Keith or Eleanor at (604)522-3448

**Royal City Squadron Bridge 2006-2007**

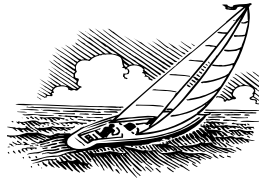
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| Past Commander            |                     |          |
| 2002-2003                 | Glen Blake          |          |

**Nautical Terms:**

Ahead: The nautical term for a john or toilet!

Launch: The noon meal

Astern: Without humour, eg. The captain tolerated no jokes the he was a stern captain!



*All day I dream about sailing!*

**Digital Selective Calling (DSC)**

**Why you should care**

Erik Skovgaard m/v BC Girl

DSC is a relatively new concept that is beginning to hit our local waters. New radios supporting DSC are now within the budget of ordinary boaters. But it is really intended for ships 300 tons and greater, so why should you care?

DSC is a part of the international Maritime Organization's GMDSS which is intended to be a modernization of the old system of Morse code and voice communications primarily aimed at distress and urgency communications and rapid location of the vessel in distress. However, DSC can also be used for regular calling by either Coast Guard stations or vessels.

A DSC-enabled VHF radio continuously monitors channel 70 for digital signals. The most recent radios will, in fact monitor two channels *at the same time*, your working channel and channel 70 (channel 70 is NOT a working channel, by the way – it is reserved exclusively for DSC calling). This is really convenient. While underway or at anchor you can continue to monitor channel 16 or the local Vessel Traffic Service channel as usual, but the radio will *still* pick up digital signals on channel 70.

To derive the most benefit from the DSC radio, it should be connected to a good GPS with a NMEA 0183 interface. If you should find yourself in distress, you can merely push a button and the radio will broadcast a digital MAYDAY on channel 70 and then automatically switch to channel 16 for further voice communications. The DSC signal will contain your vessel's identity and your current location as per the GPS. The radio will continue to transmit the MAYDAY signal until someone (typically the Coast Guard MCTS radio station) acknowledges the signal with a matching digital signal.

To be continued in the next mainsheet.....my way of being sure that you will read our newsletter (Lynn)

**Have a Pleasant Boating Season!**  
**From your Royal City Power Squadron**  
**Bridge.**

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