



Royal City Squadron Mainsheet

Spring 2011

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This is my last foray to Commander's Corner as this April will see the end of my term as the Squadron Commander. Alan Barlow, who has served faithfully as Executive Officer, PRO and General Dog's Body will be installed as the new Commander at that time. Which of course, brings up a big question as to who will serve on the Bridge with Alan? There appears to be a lack of volunteers committed to keeping the Squadron healthy and vibrant and this creates a huge concern. CPS is based, and reliant, on volunteers to teach, promote and sanction safe boating. It is an organization that has been around for more than half a century (Royal City Squadron is almost 54 years old) and it needs YOU to keep it going. Please, consider participating and volunteering to serve and help preserve a healthy Squadron.

Having said all that, as I write this at the end of March the calendar says it is spring, but Mother Nature hasn't co-operated too well. Boating season is around the corner and many of you probably took in the Vancouver International Boat Show in February, 2011 at Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre; if that wasn't enough for you there was BC Boat and Sportsman Show at Tradex in Abbotsford in March. Later on in the spring, the Reed Point Marina Boat Show will occur April 16 - 17 at Reed Point in Port Moody. Between the three events there should be something for everyone to look at, dream about or purchase.

As the boating season approaches and old man winter is given the boot, it will soon

be time to ready our boats to ensure they are in seaworthy condition before heading out. It's also a good time to ensure your safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers, flares etc. are current or recently serviced. Before you go out on the water please ensure your life jackets are in good condition and WEAR them when you venture out. Let's all put to good use the safety measures we learned in class. Don't forget Safe Boating Week May 28 to June 3!!

I am honoured to have served as your Commander for the past two years, and I would like to thank my fellow Bridge members for their support during that time.

I wish all of you a happy and safe boating season!!

Chantel Hudspeth



RCS: We will miss you as a natural, bright and humorous Commander!

Chantel, thank you for your devotion and intelligent insight to the task.



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Special points of interest:

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- Upcoming events
- Comments on past events

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We boaters have much in common and knowledge to share. The group at RCS have deep roots of knowledge and kinship. Welcome the new and cherish the familiar!



News Flash!

Al Cumiford is the 2010 recipient of the National 'Officer of the Year' Award !

Heartiest congratulations to this well-deserving life member of the Royal City Squadron.

Al graduated from the Boating Course in 1974 and earned his first of 35 consecutive merit marks in 1975.

In these past 35 years Al has served his Squadron as Commander (twice), Executive Officer (twice), Past Commander (twice), Supply Officer, Cruise Master, Regalia Officer, Proctor, Assistant Training Officer, and Squadron Training Officer for the past 20 years.

As all who know him will attest, no other single individual has worked more tirelessly, and contributed more to the success of the Royal City Squadron. He has continuously demonstrated and applied his extensive knowledge of the goals, purposes, operation, rules and history of the Squadron, Pacific Mainland District,

and Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

Al must surely be one of the longest serving Squadron Training Officer in the whole of CPS-ECP, and considering the amount of work involved in this position, and the incredible number of hours he has volunteered; his overall contribution over the years has been remarkable.

Al Cumiford has accomplished more than most as an Officer, and this tribute is an acknowledgement of his dedication and commitment to the guiding goals and values of the CPS-ECP Organization.



Did you know that Royal City Squadron is one of the very original, founding squadrons and dates back to 1955?

Wild Marine Animals: Human sightings are all we have to go on: Please report all sightings of normal, healthy cetaceans and sea turtles to sightings@vanaqua.org or 1-866-I SAW ONE (distressed or sick 1-800-465-4336)



Of Special Interest



It is with great honor and recognition Harold Wright receives 20 years RCS membership as instructor and historian. His knowledge is far reaching and has inspired many boaters and people of interest in our vast history

2011/2012 Bridge

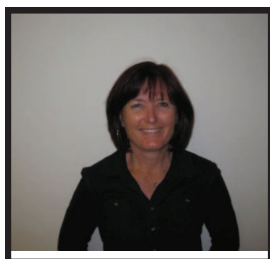
We welcome Alan Barlow (4th from right) as Commander - the big chief! Thank you Alan.



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Graduates Fall 2010



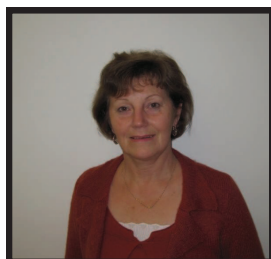
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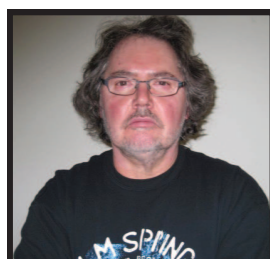
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Sandi Morrison



Randal Platt



Sherry Searle

Congratulations to all the recent graduates and new members of the Squadron. Wishing you all many years of safe boating and hope to see many of you at the upcoming events! Over the year we have found that a major part of safe boating is being in contact with other boaters, for information, advice, lending assistance and receiving assistance.

Fair winds.

Graduates Spring 2011



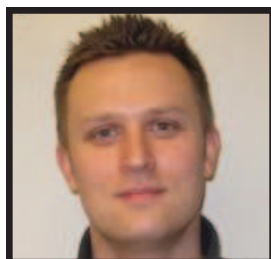
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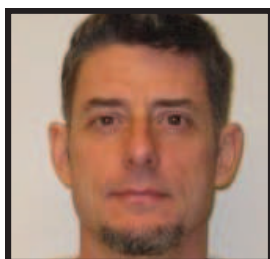
Dennis Davis



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Mike Kent



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Petra Wilson



Andrew Malek



David Maglio



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Royal City Squadron

14 March 2011
D/C Don Griffin, Members of Council and Guests:
Re: Government Liaison Report

I attended the NANS/PACMAR meeting held in Vancouver on January 26th and February 23rd.
Items that are of interest to recreational boaters are as follows:

1. Caraholly Range (Port Moody)

Pilings/towers for the new range were constructed in February 2011. Lights will be set in place this month; alignment and final surveys will be done by the end of March 2011.

2. Canadian Harbour Charts

CHS is proposing to add a 15 metre contour to harbour charts, the first of which will be those covering the Second Narrows area. CHS is currently trying to determine the most effective means of highlighting the new contour. The 15 metre contour is becoming more critical to the deep-draft vessels plying our harbour waters.

3. BCIT Simulator

The BCIT Marine Campus in North Vancouver received a new simulator package earlier this year. It consists of a 360 degree tug boat simulator, 7 new blind pilotage bridges complete with 3 plasma screens each and a new engine room simulator equipped with diesel electric, medium speed and low speed diesel simulation. Installation and testing is currently in progress and should be fully operational by the end of March 2011. The new facilities will enable agencies such as BC Ferries to train all their staff locally rather than having them attend institutes in the United States.

4. Washington Marine Group

The Washington Marine Group will henceforth be known as the Seaspan Marine Corporation. Operations will consist of Shipyard, Marine Tug & Barge and Coastal Intermodal Ferries

5. Oil Spill Reporting

The Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), commonly known as Burrard Clean, has issued new phone numbers for the emergency reporting of oil spills.
The numbers are: 604-294-9116
1-855-294-9116

7. Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regional Canadian Marine Advisory Committee (CMAC): March 16, 2011 (Vancouver)
National CMAC: April 26 - 29, 2011 (Ottawa)
NANS/PACMAR: March 30, 2011 (Vancouver)
"Ready - Set - Inflate": May 21, 2011 (Vancouver - Vanier Park)
National Safe Boating Week: May 21 - 27, 2011
Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week: May 28 - June 03, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Jerry Powers, SN
Government & Industry Liaison.

Hey! Another Big One!

The 17th annual Pitt Lake Cruise at Red Brick Cove (formerly Christian Cove). All RCS members and crew welcome.

- July 15, 16 & 17 (the weather, hot, hot hot! The water cool, cool cool!)

All the usual excitement:

- Barbecue
- Wiener roast
- Campfire
- Bocce
- Horseshoes

Wow!

Only \$15.00 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

Late Summer—A Great and Delicious (world famous) Get Together!

Queens Park Fish Fry : Sunday Sept 18, 2011 Queens Park Picnic Shelter 2pm-6pm

Upcoming Events/Reminders/Input:

Beer and Pizza night for students/grad and their spouses/partners late May or early June- MORE DETAILS TO COME

MERIT MARKS: 20 hrs of awesome volunteer work and you have 1 merit mark to make any gracious soul (you) proud.

Tips for Boating with our Canine Friends: share your tips! Email the editors Thomas and Sara Lawrence Pallmann lawpall@shaw.ca

Ready - Set - Inflate !

Date: Saturday, May 21st, 2011

Time: 1100 (plan on arriving at 1030 or earlier)

Place: Kitsilano Coast Guard Base - Vanier Park Boat Ramps

1661 Whyte Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Sponsored by: Office of Boating Safety (Transport Canada)

Marine Trades Association

Mustang Survival

Plan to join us for this International Media Event designed to kick off National Safe Boating Week (May 21 - 27, 2011) and Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week (May 28 - June 03, 2011) . Bring along your inflatable PFD and take part in a group inflation at precisely 1100. Mustang Survival will be providing replacement CO2 cartridges.

Free parking for participants! TV media will be present!

Contact: Jerry Powers at 604-921-8896 or jwpowers@shaw.ca

See you there!

Pacific Mainland District Members:



Barb Blake: Glen and I attended one of the Ocean Cruising Adventure 2001 series. My cousin John Kirstein was the presenter with his wife Elaine. They travelled around the world for 12 years aboard their 36" sloop "Goolka". This boat (right) is now for sale as they plan to build on some property they have in Saskatchewan.



For complete information on a PDF file with many photos and recent Survey contact goolka@yahoo.com or call John at 306-242-3018 for further information