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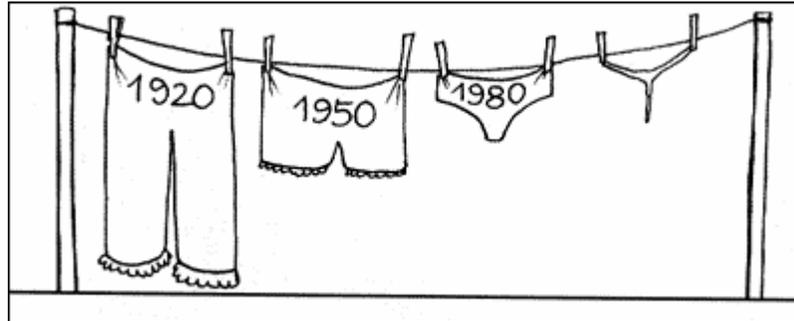
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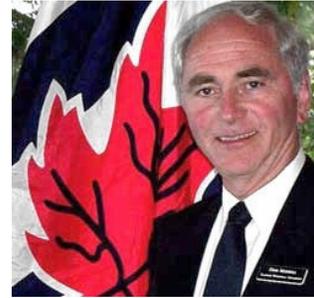
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Meetings of the Squadron Executive Committee (the Bridge) are normally held on the **third THURSDAY** of each month at 1900 in the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, except in July and December. All members of the Squadron are welcome to attend. *The Beacon* is our official newsletter. Members with articles or information should send material to the Editor before the 15th of each month. We also maintain a website www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org. We suggest you check the site regularly for notices of upcoming events, classified ads, etc.

The contents of this magazine reflect the opinions of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Editor, Canadian Power Squadron or Saanich Peninsula Squadron.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all! I would like to start the New Year with hearty thanks to Cynthia Funnell, Laura Parker and Lauri Barker for all their superb efforts in organizing and running our Squadron Christmas Dinner at Dunsmuir Lodge! By all reports it was a very successful and popular event.



In our last *BEACON* we published an extract from Doug Copp's article on "The Triangle of Life" regarding lifesaving tips in event of an earthquake. Since then, we have been made aware that Mr.Copp's recommendations have aroused considerable controversy. You will find more on this subject elsewhere in this *BEACON* on page 4 under "Editor's Comments".

In November and December, Parks Canada hosted a number of 'Marine Mixers' in the Greater Vancouver and southern Vancouver Island area to present information on the status of their 'Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) Reserve Feasibility Study'. The invited guests were 'stakeholders' representing a variety of marine businesses, yacht clubs, CPS Squadrons and commercial fishing interests, to mention a few. Several members of our Bridge attended the Sidney 'Marine Mixer' on 30 November.

The Marine Conservation Area project is an initiative of Parks Canada, the federal agency charged with responsibility for the establishment and management of national marine conservation areas in Canada's coastal waters. The southern Strait of Georgia (including our southern Gulf Islands) is being *proposed* by Parks Canada as an area representing the Strait of Georgia within the national system. At this stage, the process is one of a feasibility study...with the aim of determining whether or not an NMCA should be established in the area, and if so, under what conditions. This project is separate from the new Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

The stated purpose of the NMCA is to balance protection, conservation and sustainable use in the southern Strait of Georgia. The apparent intent is to protect or enhance the marine resources while continuing to allow a range of uses including fishing, transportation, community development, recreation and tourism. Hence the 'Marine Mixers' to solicit input from interested stakeholders.

This project is in its very early stages, but if it proceeds to implementation, it could have a *significant* impact on our 'local waters'...both positive and negative. I encourage Squadron members to make themselves familiar with the project and its progress. Information may be obtained from the new Parks Canada office on Harbour Road in Sidney. Other sources of information are the project manager, Bill Henwood (604) 666-0285 or email straitofgeorgianmca@pc.gc.ca. The website is <http://www.pc.gc.ca/straitofgeorgia>. I am indebted to David Hall of Capital City Yacht Club for his excellent summary of the Sidney 'Marine Mixer'.

Protection of our marine environment should be a goal of all of us who use the water for recreational or business purposes. We do not currently have a Squadron Environmental Officer, yet this is an increasingly relevant Bridge position that should be filled. The Southern Strait of Georgia NMCA feasibility study/project is just one area that our Environmental Officer could monitor on our behalf. As well, he or she could keep us up-to-date on new developments in protecting our marine environment. I'm sure we *must* have a Squadron member who is very interested in this subject, and I encourage such a member to step forward and volunteer to join our Squadron Bridge as Environmental Officer. You do not have to wait until our AGM in May...you can do it now!

I look forward to a very good turn out of members for our Fall Boating Course Graduation on Monday evening, 9 January 2006. Our District Commander, Shirley Hamilton, will attend.

Happy New Year to all!

Yours aye,

Doug Mitchell



DID YOU KNOW...

The term chronometer was first coined by Jeremy Thacker in 1714 when he said in jest that all the other meters, e.g. phonometers, pyrometers, selenometers, heliometers etc. could not compare to his chronometer. His term gained acceptance as the perfect moniker and still is today. *Longitude by Dava Sobel*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Jan 9 **Boating Course Graduation - 1930 - SNSYC** (still to be confirmed)
- Jan 10 **Boating Course – 1830 hours** first night only, **1900 hours** thereafter
- Jan 11 **Marine Maintenance Course - 1900 hours – FULL -** sign wait list
- Jan 19 **Bridge Meeting - 1900 hours** SNSYC. All are welcome.
- Jan 22 **Commanders' Meeting – 1030-1200 hours -** Saanich Fair Oak Room
- Jan 22 **Training Meeting – 1030-1200 hours -** Saanich Fair Poplar Room
- Jan 22 **District Council Mtng -1200-1600 hours -** Saanich Fair Poplar Room

Boating (\$185), Piloting (\$125), Advanced Piloting(\$125),Marine Maintenance (\$125)

Register with *Richard Funnell* 250- 704-9026 or ato@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org

All classes held at North Saanich Middle School at corner of Resthaven and Macdonald Park Road.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Following the printing of the extract of Doug Copp's article on "The Triangle of Life", this editor received numerous letters indicating the possibility that the information contained in this article might be suspect at best and totally erroneous at worst. On the contrary, I also received accolades from "Search and Rescue" members who have witnessed first-hand the empty triangle surrounding large objects in collapsed buildings such as those described in the article. There is safety information prepared by established earthquake safety experts, such as the [American Red Cross](#) and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) that is contradictory to the "Triangle of Life" article. Even Mr. Copp's credentials are brought into question. He is classified as "fraudulent" by some. The question is: "Who to believe?" Following are two more websites that were forwarded to me for my consideration. I forward them on to you for yours. <http://fumbling.com/academic/eq-talk.html>
<http://www2.bpaonline.org/Emergencyprep/arc-on-doug-copp.html>

PENINSULA SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Cynthia Funnell, Public Relations Officer

'Twas days before Christmas, when all through the Lodge,
Squadron members came; from work, homes and garages.
The celebration began in the lounge with such care,
Where a dinner party was planned with lots of fanfare.
The officers were present without their water sleds,
While students had visions of boating dancing in their heads.
The organizers were ready, all with a Name Badge,
Tickets were selling, there were raffles to be had!
Everyone's tummies were making such a clatter,
Dinner that moment, was all that really mattered.
Happy guests flew downstairs in a heck of a flash,
With Colin tightly clutching the evening's cash.
When, what to our wondering eyes did appear,
But a "Welcome!" from John, that was upbeat and sincere.
"Stories and jokes please", encouraged Cynthia, our Emcee,
So we shared many laughs, with our tummies still empty.
Then table-by-table we all made our way,
To a colorful, abundant and delicious buffet.
The door prizes followed with gifts for everyone,
Without all those donors it could never have been done.
Our members won moorings, dinners, certificates, a "haul out and wash",
Appreciation abounded, whispers of, "Oh my gosh!"
So, "Thank you!" to our merchants, for making our party so much fun,
And to you, our members, who make our Squadron the best - bar none!
And to Laura and Lauri for helping out so much,
Everything they did added that extra special touch.
Our nautical quiz was a blast for the cast,
Table five won! they were smart and fast.
There was no student time for reviewing of knots,
Len, Donna and Ted were busy taking camera shots.
Donna Burton the winner of our big 50/50 draw
Danced in delight with her own special "Heehaw!"
It was our chance to enjoy, each other and the sea we love.
Hands down... our Peninsula Squadron, is a cut well above.
Many member activities are planned for next year,
We shall meet frequently at a favorite pier.
So remember your flares, PFDs and charged searchlight,
It was a Happy Christmas for all, and for all a GOOD NIGHT!



SPPS CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY



Ted Meadley and Cynthia Funnell

Our Christmas party, held at the wonderful Dunsmuir Lodge, which was beautifully decorated for the holidays, was a big hit this year! We had a terrific turnout and everyone had a really fun time. One of the highlights included great boating conversation in front of a roaring and crackling fire in the Peninsula Lounge - with wine in hand.

There were lots of door prizes generously donated by the merchants listed below, to who we owe a very significant "Thank you!" Squadron members who are patronizing these businesses should make themselves known as members of CPS and should please indicate to these merchants that their contributions were greatly appreciated.

Avalon Beauty Concepts

Beacon Auto Parts

Bosley's Pet Foods

Compass Rose Nautical Books

Dawna's Hairport in Sidney

Monk Office Supply in Sidney

**Moore, Roberts & Co. -
Chartered Accountants**

Oceanview Construction Ltd.

Sidney Natural Foods

Slegg Lumber

Starbucks Coffee House in Sidney **Village Gallery Frame Shop**

Westport Marina

We enjoyed a fantastic buffet dinner replete with sinful desserts. A nautical quiz, our basket raffle full of nautical gifts and our exciting 50/50 draw were enjoyed by all. A huge "Thank you!" to all the officers, who lent a hand to make this one of the best holiday gatherings of the Squadron...and a very special "Thank you!" to **Laura Parker** and **Lauri Barker** for their relentless efforts..."Cheers!"

On behalf of the Squadron, have a wonderful New Year and *safe boating* in 2006!

Cynthia Funnell
Public Relations Officer



Mr. And Mrs. Ken Clarke enjoyed themselves



Nick and Joy—Table 5



Sami and Beata happy after some food



*Joyce
Hodd
or does
that say
Ralph
Hodd*

YOU'RE JUST LIKE SHELDON

A man walks to 5th Ave. & 42nd St. in New York City during a downpour and somehow manages to get a taxi immediately. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Sheldon."

"Who?"

"Sheldon Cohen. There's a guy who did everything right. Like my cab being vacant during a rainstorm. It would have happened like that for Sheldon every single time."

"Well, no one is perfect. There are always a few clouds over everybody", stated the passenger.

"Not Sheldon," said the cabbie. "He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star. Handsome and sophisticated, more than Cary Grant. He had a better body than Arnold in his prime. He was something! Somehow Sheldon just knew exactly how to make women happy," the cabbie continued. "He had a memory like a computer. Could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which fork to eat with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole neighbourhood blacks out."

"Wow, incredible, no wonder you remember him!" said the passenger.

"Well, I never actually met Sheldon," admitted the cabbie.

"Then how do you know so much about him?" asked the passenger.

"After he died, I married his wife."

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Gold Bar is a fly-bridge cruiser, extra large swim grid. Two new (2002 - 300 hrs) Mercury 300HP 300 MAG MPI Horizon V8 5.7 litre gas engines and Bravo 2 legs with Micro Commander Mathers electronic controls plus warranty. All in-cabin amenities, many navigational aids, and improvements. Moored at Sooke. Contact George/Lynn Vooro

250 598-1284 or vooro@shaw.ca



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Powered by a dependable 6cyl. Lehman Diesel (only 6 litres/hour) she comes with a dinghy and outboard, furnace, radar, depth, GPS, VHF & charts. Have the freedom to go exploring anywhere on the inside coast. Boathouse available too. Truly a great turnkey purchase!

Contact Ken Clarke - 656-9251



FOR SALE: Boathouse 35' x 14' - \$25,000 at North Saanich Marina.

Contact Dick Cotton at 385-5223 or onaway1@shaw.ca for details.

FOR SALE: Regal Cutty 22' fully loaded \$2,500 OBO

If interested phone David for details 544-1333

2005 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND MERIT MARKS

The 2005 merit marks up to the end of November with an estimate for December have been reviewed by our Commander and forwarded to District.

The total volunteer time submitted to me for 106 members and 11 non-members (generally family of members), totalling 4177 hours for our squadron. This amounts to 2 people working over 8 hours a day for a year. Of the 106 members, 46 incurred more than 20 hours which qualifies them for a merit mark. On achieving 20 merit marks a member qualifies as a Life Member and is exempt from paying future membership dues (CPS Handbook, article 7.12.1).

The greatest number of volunteer hours for one member in 2005 was 379.

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Please advise editor@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org re classified advertisements