

# The Beacon



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**A Priest was seated next to a sailor on an overseas flight. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The sailor asked for a brandy and coke, which was brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the priest if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust... "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips."**

**The sailor handed his drink back to the attendant and said..."Me too, I didn't know we had a choice."**



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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. We also maintain a website [www.sppss.org](http://www.sppss.org).

We suggest you check the site regularly for notices of upcoming events, classified ads, etc. To receive *The Beacon* electronically rather than by mail click

<http://www.sppss.org>.

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Since the last article I have had the pleasure of representing the squadron at the CPS National meeting in Vancouver at the end of October. At the Commander's meeting initial discussion started on the topics, "converting students into members" followed by, "retaining existing members". From the discussion I concluded that this squadron was on the right track considering problems in some squadrons. The second point offered longer discussion and included avoiding the "old boys club" image in lack of flexibility and discounting new ideas, dump image of a military organization, and recognizing young people are involved with raising families and job responsibilities. The greatest delight in the AGM was hearing the announcement that our squadron had won the first place in the web site competition, congratulations to webmaster Anne McKinnell and all other contributors. The prize is worth up to \$400 towards web-site software.



Early November saw the first of 2 student cruises for the year. While a wet day was forecast, the elements had the good graces to hold off until the end and affected only the slowest vessel (my own). Thanks go to Student Cruise Master Bill Miller and participating skippers and proctors.

The fall Boating and Piloting classes are now finished with excellent results, above average Boating students joining the squadron and the result that our numbers are well over 250 again. Thanks go to a STO Richard Funnell, and all instructors and proctors for a job well done.

Lastly, for those of you who did not make the squadron Christmas Dinner at Dunsmuir Lodge on December 7<sup>th</sup>, you missed an evening with great food and great prizes donated by many local businesses. Thanks go to the triumvirate of Cynthia Funnell, Laura Parker and Lauri Barker who once again organizing an evening to remember.

For members who have taken my suggestion of keeping your CPS flag flying, it will probably now be in tatters after all the gales we have been having. Never mind, Supply Office Dawna will be only too happy to sell you another CPS flag if yours is beyond repair. (Currently, Stealth's pennants are home for that purpose.)

Alternatively, you could get another one by having a family member pass the spring Boating Course and join the squadron.

In closing I would like to wish the squadron executive and members a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year in 2007 with calm waters for the power boaters and more moderate winds for the sailors.



John Hudson  
Commander



**REVISIONS TO DRAFT SEWAGE REGULATIONS** On Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, a draft of the proposed regulations was issued to representatives of the marine industry with a number of changes, the most significant are as indicated below. Note change of terminology from "nearest land" to "from shore". While there is still some clarification required on the wording, we appear to be moving in the right direction.

Summarizing, sewage discharge is to be permitted as follows:

*(e) in the case of a ship in Section I or Section II waters, but not in inland waters or a designated sewage area, that is less than 400 tons gross tonnage and is not certified to carry more than 15 persons,*

*(i) the discharge is made at a distance of at least 3 nautical miles from shore while the ship is enroute at the fastest practicable speed,*

*(ii) the sewage is comminuted and disinfected using a marine sanitation device and the discharge is made at a distance of at least 1 nautical mile from shore; or*

*(iii) if it is not practicable to comply with subparagraph (i) because the ship is located in waters that are less than six nautical miles from shore to shore, the discharge is made into the deepest waters that are the farthest from shore while the ship is en route at the fastest practicable speed in waters with currents moving away from shore.*

*(3) In the case of a ship referred to in subparagraph 1(e) (iii), the discharge is not authorized if a reception facility is available to receive the sewage.*

***[Note: Subdivision 6 (section 131) (Record Keeping) has been deleted.]***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

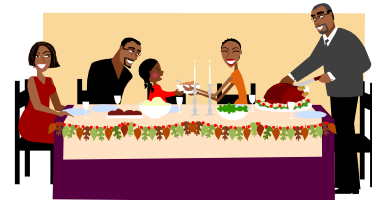


- Jan 7      **VISD District Bridge Meeting, Commanders' Meeting, Training Meeting** - 1030 Saanich Fair (check to see which room)  
**VISD District Council Meeting** - 1230 Saanich Fair Poplar Room
- Jan 9      **Boating Course** - - 1900 hrs Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
- Jan 10     **Marine Maintenance Course** - Wednesday January 10 - April 18  
1900 hrs at Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
- \*\*\*\*All classes at *North Saanich Middle School*, MacDonald Park Rd and Resthaven in Sidney. **Registration for all classes will be at 1815 hours on first night only.** Classes start at 1900 hours.
- Jan 11     **Dinner/Lecture** - 1700 SNS Yacht Club - "Walking In Italy"  
*Featured dinner cuisine: Italian*
- Jan 18     **Bridge meeting** - 1900 hrs at Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
- Jan 22     **Fall Boating Class Graduation** - 1900 hrs SNS Yacht Club
- Feb 15     **Bridge meeting** - 1900 hrs at Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
- Feb 23-25 **CanWest Victoria Outdoor Boat Show** - Pearks Arena
- Feb 24     **Dinner/Lecture** - 1700 SNS Yacht Club - Racing antique sail boats in the Mediterranean    *Featured dinner cuisine: Mediterranean*
- Mar 18     **VISD District Bridge Meeting, Commanders' Meeting, Training Meeting** - 1030 Saanich Fair (check to see which room)  
**VISD District Council Meeting** - 1230 Saanich Fair Poplar Room
- Apr 26     **Dinner/Lecture** - 1700 SNS Yacht Club "Ionian Odyssey Sailing to the Archaeological Sites of the Turkish Coast".  
*Featured dinner cuisine: Greek*

## BULLETIN BOARD

***NEW* Dinner Lectures** We are excited to inform you that we're launching, new for this year in 2007, a joint lecture series in partnership with the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. Together, between our organizations, we hope to enhance our initial and most popular lecture program to bring you a myriad of topics and guest lecturers that will inform, entertain, educate and delight you over the next 12 months. All lectures are free to our members of the Saanich Peninsula Power and Sail Squadron and the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. All lectures are held at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, 1949 Marina Way, NS, and begin at 1900.

To enrich your experience, the SNSYC will also feature a special discounted dinner (themed to coordinate with the talk) in the club dining room between 1700-1900 on the evening of the lecture. **Reservations are recommended by calling 656-4600.** Visit our website often for updates. For upcoming lectures see [Calendar](#) preceding page.



**Inspirational Speakers Wanted** We are looking for an inspirational speaker for our 2006 Fall Boating Graduating class. If you are interested in speaking or can recommend someone for 30-40 min on the evening of Monday, January 8th we would be delighted to hear from you. Your speaking topic can be almost anything boating related, i.e. your journeys and experiences, "how to" topics, "best of" topics, and other wide ranging areas related to power and/or sail boating and boating activities/sports/preparedness/favourite past times. The topic opportunities are endless. While we cannot pay you to speak, you will be sharing your valuable information and fun experiences with our new graduating class. It's a wonderful evening remembered by many.



Worthy information and experiences are most welcome. NO sales pitches please. **Please email me if you are interested at: [pro@sppss.org](mailto:pro@sppss.org) Thank you very much.**

Cynthia Funnell & Laura Parker  
Public Relations & Communications

# TRAINING REPORT

We've just finished the fall Boating and Piloting classes and we should all be pleased with the results. Of the 30 students enrolled in Boating, two dropped out for personal reasons, several only planned to write the PCOC exam, and one didn't make it on exam night. Of the 23 students who did write the Boating exam, all but one passed and the marks in general were quite high. Those who wrote the PCOC exam all passed, as did those who took the Marine Radio course.

The *Piloting* class wrote a two-part exam; one part was a take-home and the other was written in class. These exams have been sent for marking. Based on the instructor and the students, I'm confident the results will be excellent in spite of the wealth of material covered.

We are now planning the graduation on January 22, and a new set of classes with *Boating* starting January 9 and *Marine Maintenance* starting January 10. If you know anyone interested tell him/her to register fast. The *Boating* class is almost full and the *Marine Maintenance* class is kept to a small size due to the complexity of the material and the degree of hands-on teaching.

Richard Funnell - Training Officer

## THANK YOU TO...

### Fall Class Proctors

Terry McFall  
Ruth Smith  
Joe Tomlinson  
Terry McFall  
Heather LaBelle  
Mark LaBelle  
Barry Wills  
Bob Stewart  
Peter Bey

### Fall Course Instructors

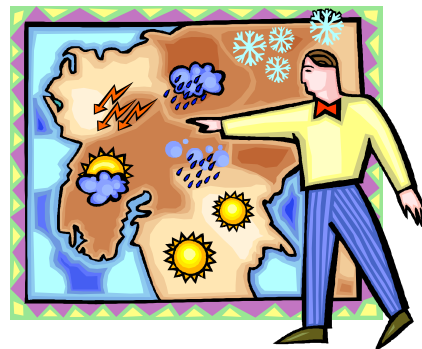
Ron Harris  
Janice Hayward  
Len Burton  
Ted Meadley  
Hugh Richards  
Len Burton  
Paul Smith  
Richard Funnell

### Piloting Course

Cliff Cunningham  
John Hudson (subbed)

Without these people we could not fulfill any of our training missions.

Dawna Burton, Chief Proctor





## STUDENT CRUISE REPORT - FALL 2006

The student cruise took place November 5, with 24 students enjoying a super fall cruise weather-wise, in spite of the dire predictions from Enviroment Canada. *Chuck Spence* of Otter Bay Marina, once again welcomed us to use the marina. **Saanich Marine Rescue** attended with the Jack Simpson inflatable with four volunteers. *Gary Blake* wore his wet suit and performed a 'man overboard' drill, a real eye opener for everyone. Some students did a practice tossing of a life ring and heaving line. **Pender Island Fire Rescue** volunteers attended with their fire suppression participation equipment. It looked like every student gave this important exercise a try. *Ted Meadley* demonstrated how simple a competent skipper can un-dock and re-dock a single screw Grand Banks 32. *Martin Russell* demonstrated effortlessly single-handedly anchoring his 34 Tollycraft.



Photo Courtesy of  
Carol Clay/clckits photography

Boats	Skippers	Proctors	Students
All I Need	Bob Stewart	Peter Bey	Bonnie Yarish, Hamish Crawford, Donna Jack
Aqua Verde	Dick Cotton	Annemarie Middleton	Jim Megson, Connie Jenzen
Escalante II	Peter Wolf	Cliff Cunningham	Lloyd Redlon, Julie Morris, Phil Morris
Jo Jo	Dick Graham	George Eade	Stuart Newman, Ken Rimby
Lets Go	Ed Smith	Hugh Richards	Rick Hudson, Phippapa Hudson
Mer Blue	Jim Forsythe	Tony Kluge	Lorna Chant, Harry Mercer
Miscamel	Rodger Hind	Joe Tomlinson	Jim Slade, Stuart Mclathie
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Roughinit	Martin Russell	Gay Miller	Bryan Atkinson, Max Shaw
Sagacity	Bill Bird	Craig Lessels	Devan Flader, Richard FladerStealth
	John Hudson	Kathy Campbell	Carol Clay, Rosemarie Gage

Thanks to all the participating skippers and proctors, and the students, who make the day a learning experience and big success.

Bill Miller - Student Cruisemaster

## THE STUDENT CRUISE - A SKIPPER'S VIEWPOINT

This November 5th we took part for the first time in the student cruise to Otter Bay. There were the two of us with a proctor and three students. Why did we wait so long to do this? Was it a good experience? What does it mean to provide your boat for this?

Well the main reason we never took part before is that these student cruises are either before or after our normal cruising season. Our boat is a 37 ft "North Sea" trawler that mainly just stays in the boat-house during the cold, wet seasons ( most of the year). Although we imagined a much longer boating season when we bought her in 2000 we discovered that we were still pretty much "fair weather boaters" despite our trawler fantasies. When we're out on the boat every week and things are working fine then we get used to that, but after we've stopped using it for several months that confident feeling has gone. I imagine various things that could go wrong, and to make it worse, there will be a bunch of other people on board and it will likely be cold and wet. Whatever goes wrong could, in theory have been forestalled with better preventative maintenance. As a power squadron member we should know about these things, and even took the power squadron *Marine Maintenance* course! Since we've spent more just on repairs and maintenance on this boat than we spent in total buying our first three boats - a 30 ft sailboat, a 26 ft sailboat and a 24 ft powerboat - I wasn't particularly anxious to risk embarrassment if something was to go wrong.

So what caused the change in heart? We just concluded that even though we hadn't used the boat for two months there really was no good reason that something would go wrong. We would check it out the week before with time to deal with anything if necessary, and if there were problems on the cruise... then so what!... stuff happens, experienced boaters know this. We had joined *Vessel Assist (BoatUS)* in 2004 so we could be out in any season without having to depend on other boats if problems arose. We used their help in August 2005 and they were excellent so we knew that even if we did have a failure, we could rely on *Vessel Assist* without interfering with other boats on the student cruise. It would only be the students on our boat who would be impacted and we would do what we could to make up for that some other time. We also knew that safety concerns were paramount. If the weather was particularly bad the cruise would be postponed; if the cruise was already underway and sea conditions got too bad then the cruise would be cancelled.

Was it a good experience? Yes, we are both very pleased we participated. I'm sure the other boats also had good proctors and nice students but we felt quite lucky. Our proctor gave me a lot of confidence plus some useful docking tips and our students were great. They had alternate footwear for use at the demo at Otter Bay so our boat wouldn't get mud tracked in, "Thanks guys"! We also had great luck with the weather. November 5th was preceded by days of rain and wind and on that day had a gale forecasted to begin that afternoon. However due to some special magic of our cruise director, there was a window from about 0800 to 1500 with little wind and just occasional light rain.

What does it mean to provide your boat for this? Well that part is pretty easy. The *Boating* course class in the week before the student cruise is devoted to a detailed review of what will go on. The skippers also attend this class. As skipper on the student cruise you simply steer the course you're given; the students and proctors are doing the real work. There's no quiz for the skippers so even though, of course, we all remember the terminology and how to do the plotting, etc. you don't even have to fake it!

Peter & Gurli Wolfe  
Escalante II



Thanks to the Pender Island Volunteer Fire Department we experienced a very realistic fire-fighting demonstration.

*Photos courtesy of "Carol Clay/clckits photography".*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Once again, students of the recently-completed fall Boating class have demonstrated a high level of interest in CPS membership. After writing the exams on December 5, 17 of the graduates joined the Saanich Peninsula Squadron that same night. One more student wrote the exam and joined the Squadron the following week – bringing the total number of new members to 18!

Please join Cdr John Hudson and the SPS Bridge in welcoming:

**Bryan Atkinson**  
**Carol Clay**  
**Hamish Crawford & Bonnie Yarish**  
**Richard & Devan Flader**  
**Rosemarie Gage**  
**Rick & Phillipa Hudson**

**Stuart McLatchie**  
**Jim Megson & Connie Janzen**  
**Harry Mercer & Lorna Chant**  
**Phillip & Julie Morris**  
**Stuart Newman**  
**James Slade**

At press time, the Squadron membership was:

Regular Members	194	Lady Associate	12		
Family Members	59	Junior Associate	1		
Junior Members	1	Life Member	6		
Regular Associate	<u>4</u>				
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>258</u>	<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>19</u>	<i>Total</i>	<u>277</u>

Please keep us informed, so that we can keep you informed. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address recently, please let us know so we can keep our records up to date. We have just updated our squadron membership lists based on renewal confirmation from CPS headquarters. However, when we did a recent phone and email communication, there were numbers that are "no longer in service" and e-mails that came back "undeliverable". We don't want you to miss out ... please contact Laura @ [communications@sppss.org](mailto:communications@sppss.org) or 656-8646 or Tony @ [membership@sppss.org](mailto:membership@sppss.org)

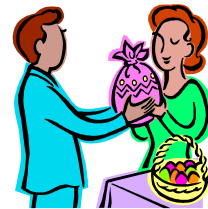
Tony Kluge, P Membership Officer  
Phone: (250) 656-7032  
E-mail: [membership@sppss.org](mailto:membership@sppss.org)

## MUST HAVE BEEN A PARTY...

Our Holiday Dinner was a great success again this year. It was a real treat to enjoy some holiday cheer at the Peninsula Lounge fireside. Everyone was in a festive mood and much joy and relaxing was shared among friends, volunteers, bridge officers, fellow members and guests. Our commander, **John Hudson**, wrapped up the year in a brief opening talk that highlighted positive encouragement for all, appreciation for all the volunteers that work so diligently to make our squadron one of the most successful on the west coast. As well he provided a newsy update of our squadron's recent achievements. He is pleased with our squadron's efforts toward our goals of safe boating education and knowledge of ongoing safe boating practices. Next, we were honoured with a few words of encouragement from Commander **Wallace Du Temple**, of the Brentwood Bay Squadron who also shared some encouraging thoughts and entertained us with some fun stories. Soon, other members joined in on sharing their fun experiences and amusing jokes. Following that we enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert buffet presented by the Dunsmuir Lodge. Next, we all had a good time with our gift and ticket raffles. Again, we would like to thank all our local businesses who contributed to our raffle (listed on page 12) and a very special thank you to **Lauri Barker**, our special events officer, for working so hard to make our raffle a success. And thanks to **Laura Parker**, our communications officer for her assistance in helping with our holiday dinner registration, RSVPs and email notices. And of course, we thank you, all our members, for attending our celebration all in support of safe boating for everyone. Remember to visit [www.sppss.org](http://www.sppss.org) our award-winning website frequently for upcoming notices on new classes for the beginning and experienced boater, all new boating tips, social events, environmental news, MAREP reporting, fun and interactive boating quizzes, and boating rendezvous - all happening for your education and enjoyment in 2007! Our website is made just for you. The Internet allows us to put the "public" back in "public relations."

Cynthia Funnell - Public Relations Officer

## DID YOU KNOW...



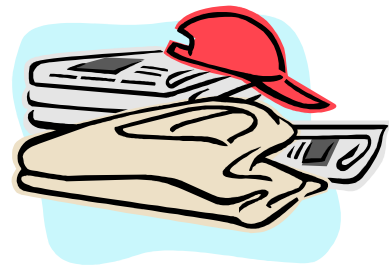
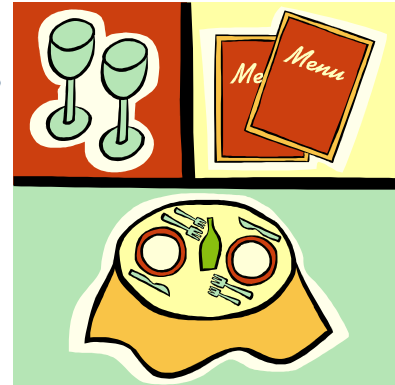
Horatio Nelson died two hours before the last shot of the Battle of Trafalgar. He died in the arms of his heart-broken captain, Thomas Hardy. His last words were, "Kiss me Hardy".

*(Editor's Note: Methinks Nelson and Hardy spent too much time at sea below deck.)*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of our squadron, a very special thank you goes out to all who helped support our Holiday Dinner raffle. Your support for our squadron is greatly appreciated!

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