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Vancouver Island South District

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**"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails." ~ William A. Ward**



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The Official Newsletter of the Saanich Peninsula Squadron

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Past Commander	P/Cdr Gay Miller	656-5190	pastcommander
Executive Officer	Ralph Hodd	652-1715	executive
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Secretary	Kathy Phillips	656-2416	secretary
Membership Officer	Tony Kluge	656-7032	membership
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*All email addresses are @sppss.org

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, August, 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. We suggest you check the site regularly for notices of upcoming events, stories, classified ads, etc. or to download **The Beacon** electronically. If you would prefer to receive notice of when this newsletter is available on our website and wish to be taken off our postal mailing list, please contact the editor, editor@sppss.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

This is my last writing of the Commander's Corner and I would like to thank all members of the Bridge for their support over the last two years. I would also like to thank the instructors, proctors, student cruise skippers and everyone else who make this squadron work.



The Nominating Committee of past Commanders Ken Clarke, Gay Miller, and I have filled all positions with the exception of Secretary, Supply Officer, and MAREP (Hydrographic) Officer.

I wish to thank those members who came forward and volunteered for vacant positions as advertised in the last Beacon and by our Communications Officer. If you would like to volunteer for the remaining positions, please call Commander-Elect Ralph Hodd (652-1715) as he can appoint to positions after May 5th.

Planning is well under way for the District Annual Meeting, starting with a Meet & Greet on the evening of May 2nd and the actual AGM on the 3rd, both at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Our Squadron is holding a joint Graduation and AGM at 1700 on May 5th at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. Please come out and support the new Bridge, and also welcome the new graduates to our squadron.

As I say in all these issues, please hoist the CPS flag and keep it flying.



John Hudson, Commander
commander@spps.org



"Voyager upon life's sea;
To yourself be true,
And what'er your lot may be,
Paddle your own canoe."
~ Dr. Edward P. Philpots 1844



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 22nd - Marine Radio Telephone course begins

April 24th - Joint Speakers Series - Lesley Nichols, "Italy through the Back Door; a Rick Steves Tour". At Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club – Their members and our members presenting interesting, informative, and exciting topics!! The club usually offers a delicious, special discounted dinner between 1800-1900 for each speaker series event! If you would like to attend the dinner, please call the SNSYC at 656-4600 to make a reservation. The lectures usually begin at 1930. To avoid disappointment though, always check with the club or watch your email for changes or further information.

May 2nd & 3rd - District Conference & Annual General Meeting – Saanich Peninsula Squadron is hosting this event at Mary Winspear Centre

May 5th - Spring Boating Class Graduation and SPS Annual General Meeting Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. Social gathering with no-host bar starts at 1900 (finger food, coffee and tea will be served). Programme commences at 1930

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS:

April 17th - Bridge meeting at SNSYC at 1900hrs. All are welcome.

April 22 – Marine radio course

May 2nd & 3rd - District Annual General Meeting – Saanich Peninsula Squadron is hosting this event at Mary Winspear Centre

May 5th - Spring Boating Class Graduation and SPS Annual General Meeting

May 15th - Bridge meeting at SNSYC at 1900hrs. All are welcome.

June 19th - Bridge meeting at SNSYC at 1900hrs. All are welcome.





VANCOUVER ISLAND SOUTH DISTRICT

To: The Members of Vancouver Island South District,
Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Vancouver Island South District will be held at The Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C. on Saturday, May 3, 2008, 13:30 to 16:30 for the purposes of:

- (a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the District;
- (b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2007, and the Report of the District Internal Audit Review Committee thereon;
- (c) considering and, if thought fit, adopting any Resolution(s) that may be submitted within the required time-frame.
- (d) Electing the Officers of the District;
- (e) Appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee;
- (f) Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2008

(Original signed by D/Secretary, Loraine Nicholson)
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District Secretary

N.B.: Saturday May 3, 2008 10:00 to 11:30 There will be meetings of the Squadron Training Officers and Squadron Commanders. Please register prior to April 27, 2008 if you wish to attend the Luncheon. Registration forms and Agenda will be available on the District Web Site www.visd.org or contact a District Bridge member.

Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

Vancouver Island South District

Annual General Meeting and Conference

Friday & Saturday May 2-3, 2008

Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C.



REGISTRATION FORM

Final Date to ensure conference registration is April 27, 2008

Hotel Registration: For those wishing overnight accommodation, the following are within a convenient distance to the AGM site:

- Best Western Emerald Isle Motor Inn 2306 Beacon Avenue, Sidney 250-656-4441
- Sidney Travelodge 2280 Beacon Avenue, Sidney 250-656-1176
- Sidney Waterfront Inn & Suites 9775 First, Sidney 250-656-1131

Registrant information:

NAME RANK

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ADDRESSCITY

PROV/STATE POSTAL/ZIP CODE

EMAILPHONE

(for registration acknowledgement)

Saturday morning meetings and AGM in the afternoon are open to all CPS members at no cost, and registration is not required. However, if you wish to attend the Friday night “Meet and Greet” or the Saturday lunch, that requires payment and pre-registration.

Friday, May 2nd Meet & Greet #’s X \$12.00 =

Saturday, May 3rd Lunch #’s..... X \$20.00 =

Total enclosed

Dress code: Friday evening, May 2, 2007: CPS Casual or appropriate attire

Dress code: Saturday May 3, 2007: Blazer ensemble (w/gray or white pants/skirt)

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS TO:

Colin Nicholson, 312 – 9650 First Street, Sidney, BC, V8L 3C9

Cheques should be made payable to Saanich Peninsula Squadron

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**SOCIAL EVENTS REQUIRING PRE-PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION:**

**Friday night Meet and Greet:**

May 2, 2008

1900

Mary Winspear Centre, Activity Room 2

Dress code: CPS casual

Meet and mingle with our invited guests from National, PMD VIND and USPS.

Buffet of light finger foods.

Cash Bar – wine & beer

Entertainment: Talk & PowerPoint presentation by Cdr John Hudson “Making of an Atlantic Passage, 2007”

Cost \$12.00 per person

**AGM Lunch Saturday:**

May 3, 2008

1200 -1330

Mary Winspear Centre, Activity Room 2

Hot Beef Luncheon Buffet: 3 salads; deserts with coffee & tea

Cash Bar – wine & beer

Luncheon \$20.00 per person



# Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

## Vancouver Island South District



### Annual General Meeting and Conference

Saturday May 3, 2007

0900-1700

Mary Winspear Centre  
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 0900-1130 Registration Desk – outside Activity Room 2
- 1000-1130 Training Meeting - Activity Room 2  
Commanders Meetings – Labbetter Board Room
- 1130-1200 Awards – Dining room – Activity Room 2
- 1200-1330 Cash Bar
- 1215-1330 Luncheon
- 1330-1630 VISD AGM

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS  
VANCOUVER ISLAND SOUTH DISTRICT**

**REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
March 6, 2008**

**To: The Members, Vancouver Island South District:**

**District Executive Committee**

1. The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers on the District Executive Committee for 2008/2009:

|                                                                                                                                              |                             |                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>District Commander:</b> <a href="mailto:districtcommander@visd.org">districtcommander@visd.org</a><br>D/C Beverley Gerry (Pender Island), | 202 – 2050 White Birch Rd., | Sidney, B.C. V8L 2R1     | (250) 654-0230 |
| <b>District Executive Officer:</b> <a href="mailto:executive@visd.org">executive@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt/C David Krauel (JF)                    | 2275 Alicia Pl              | Victoria, B.C. V9B 4S6   | (250) 478-0081 |
| <b>District Training Officer:</b> <a href="mailto:training@visd.org">training@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt/C Marti Tilley (Pender Island)            | 1615 Storm Crescent,        | Pender Is., B.C. V0N 2M2 | (250) 629-6767 |
| District Administrative Officer: <a href="mailto:admin@visd.org">admin@visd.org</a><br><b>D/Lt/C</b>                                         | <b>TBA</b>                  |                          |                |
| <b>District Secretary:</b> <a href="mailto:secretary@visd.org">secretary@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Loraine Nicholson (Saanich Peninsula)          | 312 – 9650 First St.,       | Sidney, B.C. V8L 3C9     | (250) 656-5085 |
| <b>District Treasurer:</b> <a href="mailto:treasurer@visd.org">treasurer@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Colin Nicholson (Saanich Peninsula)            | 312 – 9650 First St.,       | Sidney, B.C. V8L 3C9     | (250) 656-5085 |
| <b>D/Public Relations Officer:</b> <a href="mailto:pro@visd.org">pro@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt David Gay (Victoria)                               | 3990 Locarno Lane,          | Victoria, B.C. V8N 4A1   | (250) 472-0601 |
| <b>D/Membership/Privacy Officer:</b><br><a href="mailto:membership@visd.org">membership@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Tony Kluge (Saanich Peninsula)  | 9487 Canora Rd,             | Sidney B.C. V8L 1P3      | (250) 656-7032 |
| <b>D/Marep (Hydrographic) Officer:</b> <a href="mailto:marep@visd.org">marep@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Len Burton (Saanich Peninsula)             | 2035 Weiler Ave.            | Sidney, B.C. V8L 1R3     | (250) 656-6450 |

**District Officers**

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as District Officers, with the rank of District Lieutenant, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the District Executive Committee pursuant to District Regulation 6.2.1 (a):

|                                                                                                                                                          |                           |                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>ADTO &amp; Maritime Radio Officer:</b><br><a href="mailto:maritimeradio@visd.org">maritimeradio@visd.org</a><br>P/D/Lt/C Barrie Gilbertson (Victoria) | 13 Camden Ave.,           | Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1P6   | (250) 479-5850 |
| <b>Roster Editor:</b> <a href="mailto:roster@visd.org">roster@visd.org</a><br>P/D/C Shirley Hamilton (Victoria)                                          | 211 – 490 Marssett Place, | Victoria, B.C. V8Z 7J1   | (250) 658-6366 |
| <b>Environmental Officer:</b><br>D/Lt Sara Steil (Pender Island)                                                                                         | 6604 Harbour Hill Rd.,    | Pender Is., B.C. V0N 2M1 | (250) 629-6885 |
| <b>Supply Officer:</b> <a href="mailto:supply@visd.org">supply@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Dawna Burton (Saanich Peninsula)                                     | 2035 Weiler Ave.,         | Sidney, B.C. V8L 1R3     | (250) 656-6450 |
| <b>Telephone Answering:</b><br>D/Lt Pat Moar (Victoria)                                                                                                  | 521 Paradise St.,         | Victoria, B.C. V9A 5E3   | (250) 592-1995 |
| <b>Port Captain:</b> <a href="mailto:portcaptain@visd.org">portcaptain@visd.org</a><br>D/Lt Glenn Driscoll (Oak Bay)                                     | 2370 Pacific Ave.,        | Victoria, B.C. V8R 2V7   | (250) 592-4693 |

### Appointment

3. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as:

**Internal Audit Review Committee of the District:** 301-338 Goldstream Ave., Victoria, B.C. V9B 2W3 (250) 598-5654  
P/Cdr Edward McNulty (Victoria)

### Further Appointments

4. The District Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as Staff Officers with the rank of Staff Lieutenant:

|                                                                                                                            |                                |                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Web Master: webmaster@visd.org</b><br>S/Lt Mike Baker (Brentwood Bay)                                                   | 7941 West Saanich Road,        | Saanichton, B.C. V8M 1S4 | (250) 652-8507 |
| <b>Roster Advertising Coordinator &amp; Asst. Roster Editor: advertising@visd.org</b><br>S/Lt George Silvestrini (Oak Bay) | 1047 Parkwood Place,           | Victoria, B.C. V8X 4Z8   | (250) 658-4223 |
| <b>Historian: historian@visd.org</b><br>S/Lt Madeline Gilbertson (L.A. Victoria Sqn)                                       | 13 Camden Ave.,                | Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1P6   | (250) 479-5850 |
| <b>Canadian Coast Guard Liaison: ccg@visd.org</b><br>S/Lt Craig Lessels (Saanich Peninsula)                                | Box 2451,                      | Sidney, B.C. V8L 3Y3     | (250) 661-2810 |
| <b>Communications Officer: communicationas@visd.org</b><br>P/D/C Don Lassey (Sooke)                                        | Box 762, 7163 Cedar Brook Pl., | Sooke, B.C.. V0S 1N0     | (250) 642-6504 |
| <b>Assistant MAREP Officer: jmvn@shaw.ca</b><br>S/Lt John Maycock (Saanich Peninsula)                                      | 4771 Timber Place,             | Victoria B.C. V8Y 2L8    | (250) 813-2353 |
| <b>ADTO: h2hzoo@shaw.ca</b><br>S/Lt Ron Harris (Brentwood Bay)                                                             | 188 - 453 Head St,             | Victoria BC V9A 5S1      | (250) 384 6588 |

### Nominating committee

5. The District Nominating Committee also advises that:

(a) The following Member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of her position as Immediate Past District Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

P/D/C Shirley Hamilton, SN (Victoria) 211-490 Marsett Pl., Victoria, B.C. V8Z 7J1 (250) 658-6366

(b) Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2007/2008 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

- I/P/D/C Shirley Hamilton (Victoria) Chair
- P/D/C Don Lassey (Sooke)
- D/C Beverley Gerry (Pender Island)

Respectfully submitted,

.....  
(Original Signed By)  
I/P/D/C Shirley Hamilton, SN  
Chair

.....  
(Original Signed By)  
I/P/D/C Shirley Hamilton, SN  
Member

.....  
(Original Signed By)  
P/D/C Don Lassey  
Member

Date March 6, 2008



## SAANICH PENINSULA SQUADRON



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Saanich Peninsula Squadron will be held at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, 1949 Marina Way, Sidney, BC on **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at **1930 hours** for the purpose of:

- (1) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the report of the Officers of the Squadron;
- (2) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, and the Report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- (3) Electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (4) Appointing the Squadron Auditor;
- (5) Considering such further business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 Members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of the nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

Date this Sixth day of April, 2008

*original file copy signed*

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Kathy Phillips  
Squadron Secretary



**SAANICH PENINSULA SQUADRON**



**UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER  
AND SAIL SQUADRONS  
P O BOX 2122, SIDNEY, BC, V8L 3S6**

**TO MEMBERS OF THE SAANICH PENINSULA SQUADRON  
REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2007/2008:

|                          |                                                                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Commander                | Ralph Hodd<br>7231 Early Place<br>Brentwood, BC, V8M 1J9<br>250-652-1715           |
| Executive Officer        | Tony Kluge<br>9487 Canora Road<br>Sidney, BC, V8L 1P3<br>250-656-7032              |
| Training Officer         | Richard Funnell<br>11474 Sumac Drive<br>North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J8<br>250-704-9026 |
| Secretary                | TBA                                                                                |
| Treasurer                | Peter Bey<br>2530 Wakeman Drive<br>Saanichton, BC, V8M 1V5<br>250-652-2225         |
| Public Relations Officer | Cynthia Funnell<br>11474 Sumac Drive<br>North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J8<br>250-655-4442 |

MAREP Officer  
(Hydrographic) TBA

Membership Officer Judy Prewitt  
7772 Trentelmann Place  
Saanichton, BC, V8M 1K9  
250- 652-4182

2. The squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for the appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:

TBA

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as Staff Officers:

Assistant Training Officer Richard Ludwig  
& Course Registrar 10162 Turnmill Close  
Sidney, BC, V8L 4Z5  
250- 655-7426

Supply Officer TBA

Communications Officer Laura Parker  
& Beacon Editor 2177 Malaview Avenue  
Sidney, BC, V8L 2E6  
250-656-8646

Port Captain Stephen Denroche  
8623 Moxon Terr  
Sidney, BC, V8L 1K8  
250-656-6177

Webmaster Anne McKinnell  
914 Stafford Street  
Victoria, BC, V8X 2V8  
250-475-0053

Special Events Cynthia Funnell  
11474 Sumac Drive  
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J8  
250-655-4442

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Student Cruise-master Charles Erskine  
9205 Jura Road  
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5G1

Environment Officer TBA

4. The nominating Committee also advises that:

(a) the following Member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

John Hudson  
11290 Ravenscroft Place  
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5R4  
250-655-3653

(b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2008/2009 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or nomination

P/Cdr, John Hudson, Chairman  
P/Cdr Gay Miller  
Cdr Ralph Hodd

Respectfully submitted,

|                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| .....                | .....                | .....                |
| (Original Signed By) | (Original Signed By) | (Original Signed By) |
| P/Cdr Gay Miller     | P/Cdr Ken Clarke     | Cdr John Hudson      |

Rapture of the Deep  
(Terminal)



“Rapture or the Deep: Also known as nautical narcosis. Its symptoms include an inability to use common words, such as *up*, *down*, *left*, *right*, *front*, and *back*, and their substitutions with a variety of gibberish which the sufferer believes to make sense; a love of small , dark, wet places; an obsessive desire to be surrounded by possessions of a nautical nature, such as lamps made from running lights and tiny ship’s wheels; and a conviction that objects are moving when they are in fact standing still. This condition is incurable.”

Cartoon credit: p70-71, “sailing A Sailor’s Dictionary. By Henry Beard & Roy McKie sailing, 1. n. the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.



## STUDENT CRUISE – SPRING 2008



March 2nd was a mixed, weather day for the boating class student cruise to Otter Bay; sunny in the morning and calm, then cloudy with wind in the afternoon. Seven boats and nine proctors volunteered their services for fifteen students.

Otter Bay Marina kindly allowed us to use their facilities once again. Saanich Marine Rescue gave a safety presentation and a person overboard demonstration. Two skippers, Don Armstrong and Campbell Black, gave the docking and anchoring demonstrations respectively. Thank you again to all the skippers and proctors for volunteering their boats and time.



Classroom learning to practical experience



Anchoring demo by Skipper Campbell

The cruise is a great way to meet other squadron members and help the students with an excellent practical exercise. Skippers and proctors are always needed for the cruises; please contact the student cruisemaster if you can help. The next student cruise will be in late October or early November.

Carolyn Hole, Student Cruisemaster  
[studentcruise@spps.org](mailto:studentcruise@spps.org)



## MAKING OF AN ATLANTIC CRUISE PART 4

This article is the fourth and final in a series giving an account of the preparation and making of a voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in May 2007.

Our stay in Horta in the Azores was 3 days whether we liked it or not due to a gale that would not abate. Horta harbour was filled to capacity with sailing boats waiting out the gale. After rejecting several slips in the marina that would have been impossible to get into on arrival due to the wind, we ended up rafted 3 deep on the sea wall. The skipper made frequent trips to an internet cafe to download weather report. This provided a leisurely re-provision, repair and maintenance period and time to visit the local sights.



We would have departed Horta early on May 26th but the skipper had to join the long queue of skippers at the customs & immigration office. We finally departed at 1350 hours UTC. Due to wind on the nose we ended up motor-sailing up to the NW tip of São Jorge Island where I verified its latitude of  $38^{\circ}45.3'N$  to substantiate my MAREP report that the Azores were out of position on CHS chart 4090. (Beacon July/Aug 2007 and Canadian Yachting Sept 2007).

At dusk we rounded the southern tip of Graciosa Island and set a NE course. This was further north than the  $67^{\circ}$  rhumb line course to A Coruña, Spain but the skipper wanted to get sling shot north of a high pressure east of the Azores and south of an intense low forming south of Iceland; we did not want to get becalmed in the high. We were also aware of the north wind of the Portuguese Trades and the southerly current off the west coast of Spain & Portugal.

We followed the NE course til the morning of May 29th sailing on either a beam or a broad reach and winds light to moderate. This was a new experience after beating most of the way from Norfolk, Virginia. We now adopted a course of  $77^{\circ}$  having achieved latitude  $41^{\circ}N$  and for the next three and a half days maintained this course to within 6NM generally in light winds on a broad reach. The only exception was a strong wind on the evening of May 29th when we got pooped by a wave breaking over the top of a large swell right on the transom **while I was at the helm...**



**I had the choice of putting up my foul weather gear hood or keeping both hands on the helm to prepare for a potential broach. Needless to say, I got very wet!**

In the afternoon of June 1st the skipper was satisfied that we had sufficient northing at latitude 44.3°N that we could start heading ESE for A Coruña. As we approached the coast of Spain, the wind got lighter; in fact the Portuguese Trades were none existent. The visibility decreased and when it got under 5 miles we had the radar on all the time. The main shipping lanes from northern Europe to Gibraltar and the south were crossed at dusk on June 2nd. In two 3 hour watches we sighted 10 vessels in each with up to 5 freighters on collision courses at any one time. We shortened sail in 1 to 2 mile visibility in what little wind we had as we did not want to arrive in an unfamiliar port in darkness.

It was at this time that I learnt that with all the modern navigation aids, one has keep asking oneself if all the information received makes sense as a whole. I saw 4 mast head lights close together but only one radar image on a collision course. The lights separated into 2 groups which I watched very carefully, but still only one radar image. The second radar image did not appear till just over a mile away, presumably a low vessel with a narrow bridge.

At 0727 hours on June 3rd we picked up the range south of Basuril Reef to enter A Coruña harbour still in 1 NM visibility, docking at Nauta Coruña Yacht Club at 0820 hours after a textbook sail from Horta covering 1023NM.

Would I do it again? Decidedly, given the right vessel, skipper and crew.

Submitted by John Hudson

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

**REGARDING SNSYC USE BY SPPSS MEMBERS** - For those of you who don't have email, I sent out the following in regards to the invitation that I posted in last month's issue of The Beacon:

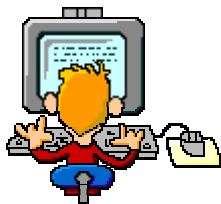
Adrian Kershaw, Vice Commodore at SNSYC, has written to say that he got a bit carried away with his open invitation to use the SNSYC bar and restaurant facilities at any time! He says that he'd been overcome with a surfeit of goodwill during the Christmas period and those warm fuzzies hung on into February. However, in the cold light of winter he's been brought to his senses and needs to moderate his offer somewhat.

He says that "*SPPSS members are, of course, invited to use the SNSYC facilities for Squadron events and during our joint SPPSS/SNSYC lecture series. As to the rest of the time, SPPSS members are welcome as guests when accompanied by SNSYC members in either the bar or the restaurant. And, I apologise if I raised expectations - however well intentioned, it was an error on my part.*"

He says that next time you meet him don't be surprised if he's wearing sack cloth and ashes! He also says that he'll buy any SPPSS member a drink at the SNSYC bar through until the end of May - if you can catch him!

**VICTORIA ARMADA – MAY 31ST** - "Armada Hosts" Len & Dawna (656-6450) and Ron & Janice (384-6588) have been busy organizing the overnight trip to Victoria's Inner Harbour! They are almost at their limit for boats but could accommodate a few more. Don't miss out on this fun-filled, informative trip. Give them a call to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

**BRIDGE MEMBERS** – I personally would like to thank outgoing Bridge members Dawna, Warren, Bryan, Kathy, and Carolyn for their time and efforts, and the fun they brought to this Bridge. Past Commander Gay, I wish you wonderful cruising ahead, after so many years spent in so many capacities on the Bridge! Last but not least, thank you Commander John for your two years of being at the helm and serving the squadron so well! I look forward to serving with the new members and hope some more people will come aboard to help continue the smooth sailing of the Saanich Peninsula Squadron!



Safe boating!  
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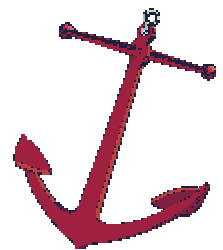
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