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Commanders Comments from Byron Buie

Our Squadron strength comes from the courses we teach delivered by very dedicated CPS volunteers. With this in mind the fall season is upon us and our training officers are preparing our Boating Basics and Boating Essentials courses along with our VHF Marine Radio Course. So if you have friends who are interested in getting their CPS certification or VHF Marine Radio License (which is mandatory if you operate a VHF marine radio) Please let them know about our upcoming courses. (Please check our website for more details.)

Also I would like to encourage any Fraser Squadron members who are interested in Proctoring, becoming an instructor or being involved as a bridge member to contact us. You will find that being involved is very rewarding and it also is a great opportunity to brush up on safe boating practices etc.

Our multicultural officer Jack Tang has had a very busy this summer teaching Boating Basics at the WEST CAN BOAT CLUB. Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood have been attending the exams for Jack.

We have had some great boating weather with squadron cruises to Mottague Habor and Ladysmith and the last cruise for 2013 will be to Union Steamship Marina on Bowen Island on August 13th to the 16th. My thanks to Peter Lefroy for all his hard work in arranging these cruises, and for the fun activities he has had for us. Have a great Summer and fall of safe boating

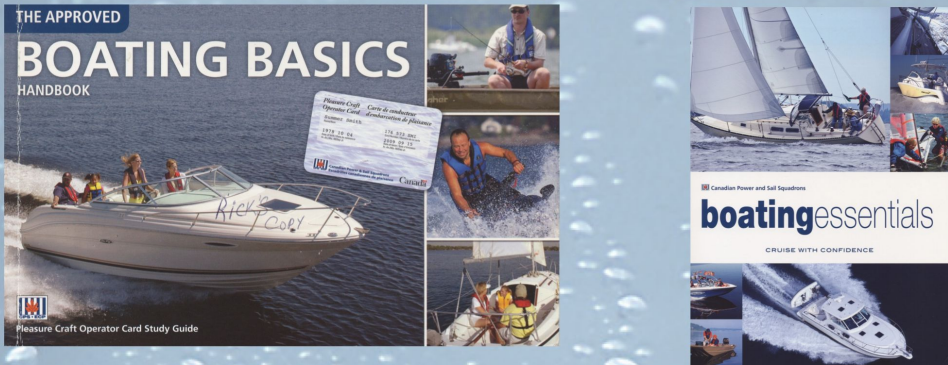
Byron Buie

Commander - Fraser Squadron

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Canadian Power and Sail Squadron CPS has upgraded our 13 week Boating Course.

To address the PCOC - Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate. The boating course has been broken up into two course; Boating Basics is the first course that covers just the basics and after this 5 week course students will write a test for their PCOC certificate and card. Course cost \$125.00 per person or second person per family share material additional \$50.00 If you already have this card you do not need to take this course just sign up for the Boating Essentials course.



We will be rolling straight into Boating Essentials . This is a seven week course that covers all the material you need to make sure you come home safely. We will cover magnetic compass, global positioning and charts. Aids to navigation, anchors and anchoring, Lines and Ropes, electrical hazards, Towing, Environmental responsibilities, Tides and currents and weather. This is an abbreviated list that will be covered and more during this course. Course cost \$250.00 second family member \$175.00shared materials.

Our VHF Course we will be trying something new this year. We will distribute the course material and instructions one week before the classes start date. This will give the students time to familiarize themselves with the content, The next week we will start the 2 hr first class, the next week we will have one hour of review and then the exam. This will shorten the course by one night for the time strapped students. Course cost \$80.00 per person, \$100.00 per couple sharing material.

Fall schedule 2013

Boating Basics for Richmond Sept 17, 2013 - Boating Basics for Ladner Sept 19, 2013

Boating Essentials for Richmond Oct 22, 2013 - Boating Essentials for Ladner Oct 24 2013

Exam date Dec 3, 2013

Exam date Dec 12, 2013

VHF fall course Richmond - October 8th and 15th

Jim Poirier's Great Adventure

We are going to watch and track **Jim Poirier's** adventure in all of our publications until his arrival back home to the Ladner Yacht Club. Jim is a long standing active member of Fraser Squadron, he is an accomplished sailor, singer, song writer and handyman



Jim writes:

For the past 5 years I have been preparing Noroue for a long distance sailing trip. On Aug 12th, 2013 I will set sail from the Ladner Yacht Club with the morning tide on a 13 month voyage. My plan is to sail off-shore to the central California port of Morro Bay where I will leave Noroue for a few weeks to return home for my son's wedding. In mid October the plan is to proceed south to La Paz on the south eastern end of the Baja Peninsula where Donna will come and join me for some sailing in the Sea of Cortes. On March 1st of 2014 my daughter and I will leave the Baja for the Galapagos Islands and on to Easter Island 27 degrees south latitude. From there we turn west for Pitcairn Island and on up to the Marquasa Islands where I hope to spend several weeks. Next stop is Hawaii for a month before departing in mid Aug 2014 for the final and longest non stop leg of the entire journey arriving back in Ladner.

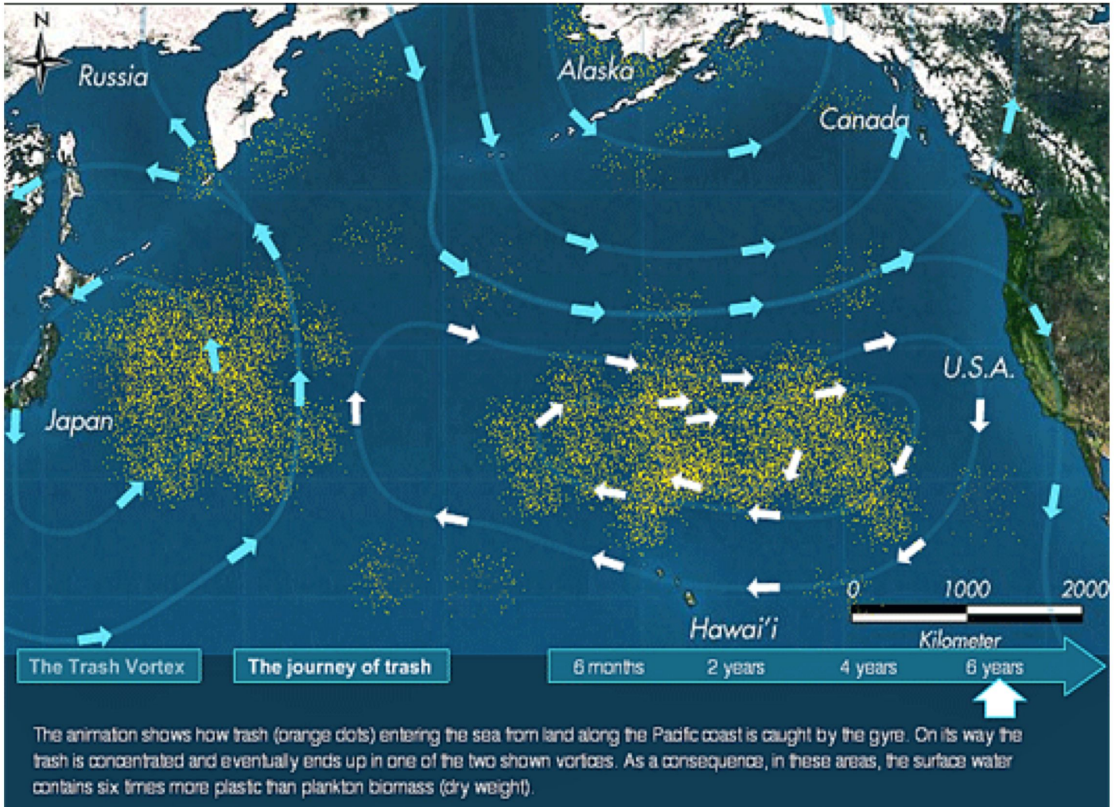
Jim has previously done some off shore sailing with John Ferries on a 32 foot Vanguard Pearson. In 1996 on his last sail boat Swack he went on a round trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Plastics

convenience - disposable

Think twice, scoop up any plastic you see floating, pick up plastic on the beach. If we all do a little it can go along way to helping the oceans.

Go to the Internet and Google plastic in the Pacific Ocean



The Trash Vortex

The journey of trash

6 months

2 years

4 years

6 years

The animation shows how trash (orange dots) entering the sea from land along the Pacific coast is caught by the gyre. On its way the trash is concentrated and eventually ends up in one of the two shown vortices. As a consequence, in these areas, the surface water contains six times more plastic than plankton biomass (dry weight).





Celebrate our 75th year with us!
Register for the CPS National Conference
in Toronto
October 23-27, 2013

Go to the CPS web site for all the details about this exciting event
www.cps-ecp.ca

While you are there you can order these items direct from CPS.



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FYI:

2014 Vancouver International Boat Show Dates Set:

The 2014 Vancouver International Boat show will be held at B.C. Place January 22 to 26. The show will overlap with the first weeknd of the Seattle Boat Show, which will be held from January 24 to February 2, but organizers still anticipate strong numbers.



In photo above Jack is being interviewed by the Sing Tao Daily News at the West Can training facility.

VHF - Jack has been training his students on the protocols for the use of the VHF radio. Even though they can not obtain a license this course teaches them how to use the radio properly and what to do in an emergency, how to broadcast your lat and long.



Fraser dredging update

Here in Ladner the dredging has come to a stop, actually it never got going. It is being held up by political wrangling.

From Rose's Galley

Baked Bruschetta - another recipe with Fig and Fire

Find the thinnest Focaccia bread from the grocery store, (I buy mine from Choices Markets as it is the thinnest that I can find).

Take some butter and spread all over the bread, then sprinkle some garlic powder on the butter and work it in.

Next spread some Bruschetta (tomato mixture in a tub that I buy from Safeway) on the butter.

Then grate some extra old white cheese and sprinkle on top of the bruschetta. Bake in the oven at 350 degrees till the cheese is melted.

Bring it out and drizzle some Fig and Fire (a balsamic reduction) on top of the cheese. Cut and serve while warm. They will want more!

NOTE: Fig and Fire balsamic reduction can be bought at a store in Ladner called Fancy This Gift or you may find it at some other shops. Not sold in the big grocery stores.

Canadian Lifeboat Institution

This is a picture of the new CLI Tyne class lifeboat that John Horton just took delivery of and is now in operation out of Steveston.



The small pleasure craft “Chevy Chase” had her main engine break down in the middle of Porlier Pass but had managed to cross the Strait on her small kicker engine. However the tide had changed when she started up the River and she was pushed in the area called the Albion Box and was forced to anchor as she could not make any headway against the current. Fortunately Captain John Horton was at the helm of the Fraser Lifeboat and has great local knowledge of the area. He was able to navigate the very shallow channel to the stranded “Chevy Chase” and take her in tow, successfully to Steveston.



PMD Integrated Cruise August 23 - 25

Telegraph Harbour Thetis Island all PMD members and their guests are invited to attend an integrated cruise at Telegraph Harbour Marina, on Thetis Island During the weekend of August 23-25 2013. Reserve moorage with the marina directly (1-800-246-6011)indicate that you are participating in the PMD power squadron cruise.

This inviting marine is situated on Thetis Island on the sunny side of a well protected bay. The park like setting provides plenty of room to roam, play, picnic and beach comb. The owners Ron Fadro and Tara Kaulback are looking forward to personally welcoming you.

Pot luck dinner will commence at 6 PM in the Marina pavilion on Saturday 24th, BYOB, plates cutlery and napkins.



CRUISES

The only way to describe the first cruise of the summer to Montague on the weekend of July 28th is **"HOT!"** This was an anchoring cruise and we had six boats attend. We even had two new members who had not been on a cruise before. At the last minute, literally as we were waiting for the Hummingbird bus to pick us up, the crew from Golden Mean (Paul and Kathleen) arrived. I think that the bus ride is even better now than it used to be, as the driver treated us to an example of distracted driving with drums and cymbals that I had not seen before. The food was great, the band was great, and the poor server was worked to the max but we all had a great time.

The second cruise on the weekend of July 26th. was to Ladysmith. This has turned out to be our most popular cruise in the past two years. Even though the numbers were down from last year, we still had nine boats attend with an additional three guests coming by foot. It was wonderful to have June Eldred, who always adds such a spark to our events and Harold and Judy Moy who live in Ladysmith. There was coffee with special creamer on the dock, courtesy of "Blue R Budget" (Dave & Meredith) in the morning and the potluck dinner was up to Fraser Squadron's usual amazing standards. I don't know how you do it but the food never ceases to impress! This was all after harrowing stories of not so pleasant crossings of the straits. Everyone participated very actively in the scavenger hunt with some very creative answers to say the least. You will have to ask Byron and Donaldal about their "Rubber Boot" and Dave and Meredith about something marked "made in Canada!" Again all you people deserve a medal for the effort that was put in. I know that my stomach still hurts from laughing so hard.

Thank you all for joining us and making it such an enjoyable time.



"Faith and fear may sail into your harbour, but only allow faith to drop anchor."

