



Notice of Annual General Meeting

To: Members of the Fraser Power & Sail Squadron

Take notice that the **Annual General Meeting of the Fraser Squadron** will be held at **Ladner Yacht Club** at **7 pm on Friday, April 21, 2017**, for the purpose of:

- receiving and approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron
- receiving and approving the financial statements of the Squadron for the period ending March 31, 2016
- electing the Officers of the Squadron
- considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting

Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their 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.

The doors open at 6:00 PM, our meeting starts at 7:00 followed by a talk to be given by Ann and Laurence Yeadon-Jones on the Princess Louisa Inlet and the surrounding area. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

The following members of Fraser Squadron have agreed to stand for election (E) or appointment (A) to the 2017 - 2019 Executive (Bridge):

Commander (E)	Peter Lefroy
Executive Officer (E)	Cleve Pryde
Administrative Officer (E)	t.b.d.
Training Officers (E)	Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood
Assistant Training Officer (A)	Nan Lockie
Secretary (E)	Gouri Chinappa
Treasurer (E)	Meredith Williamson
Membership (E)	Vidas Vitkus

Public Relations (A)	Jan Muller
Cruise Master (A)	Willina and Dave Collins
Communications (A)	Bob Juulsen
Environmental (A)	Les Muller
Webmaster (A)	Bob Everson
Publications/Social Media (A)	Paul Vanderwood
Supplies (A)	Bill Hawryluk
Multicultural Officer (A)	Jack Tang
Multicultural Executive Officer (A)	Chao Huang
Multicultural Membership Officer (A)	Michael Lee
Multicultural Communications Officer (A)	Lucy Liu
Multicultural Assistant Training Officer (A)	Sherwin Wang
Multicultural Officer (A)	Rick Easthom
Port Captain (A)	Peter Lefroy
Regalia (A)	Donalda Buie
Past Commander	Dave Mellis

Please join us to welcome our new Executive (Bridge).



Flare Disposal

Get rid of those old flares:

9 am to 4 pm, April 1, 2017 at the Richmond **Steveston Marine Store!**



Winter / Spring 2017 Education Program

VHF - Maritime Radio

Members: single: \$110; couple: \$135; DSC only: single \$60, couple \$85
Non-members: single: \$125; couple: \$150; DSC only: single \$75, couple \$100

The course and examination for the **Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC**

Endorsement exam are conducted in 1 day. The course requires home study before the Saturday session. You will receive the course materials in advance as well as direction from the instructor to help you in your studies.

A VHF course will be held on each of the following days:

**Saturday, March 25, 2017 (this course is filling up rapidly!)
or
Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Introduction to Navigation - Boating 3

(prerequisites are Boating Basics and Beyond the PCOC)

Course price:

non-members: \$175; \$100 for second person at same address

members: \$150; \$75 for second person at same address

<i>Location</i>	<i>Course Begins</i>	<i>Exam Date</i>
Richmond	Apr 4, 2017	May 9, 2017
Ladner	Apr 6, 2017	May 11, 2017

The Squadron is always looking for instructors and proctors/ volunteers to assist with the courses. If you are interested please contact our Education Officer.



Regalia

Here is a list of the supplies we have on hand for the Squadron members:

CPS-ECP ties for men (\$40.00 ea.)

CPS-ECP silk scarves (\$10.00 ea.)

CPS-ECP small crest (\$2.50)

CPS flags (\$28.00 ea.)

FRASER SQUADRON burgees (\$30.00 ea.)

FRASER SQUADRON pins \$2.50 ea.)

FRASER SQUADRON cap (\$15.00 ea.)

Contact: **Donalda Buie** at **604-271-7938**

Also check out the CPS web site www.cps-ecp.ca and look under ship stores for CPS logo'd items.



Freak of Navigation

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the result to the master, Captain John Phillips. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0 degrees 31' N and LON 179 degrees 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

“Know what this means?” First Mate Payton broke in, “We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line”.



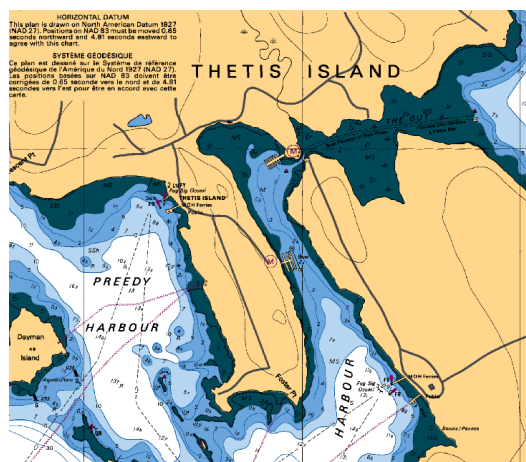
Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather and clear night worked in his favour. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crosses the International Date Line.

The consequences of this bizarre position were several:

- The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and the middle of summer. The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter.
- The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899. Forward it was 1 January 1900.
- This ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different years and two different seasons, but in **two** different centuries - all at the same time.

Our Scheduled Cruises

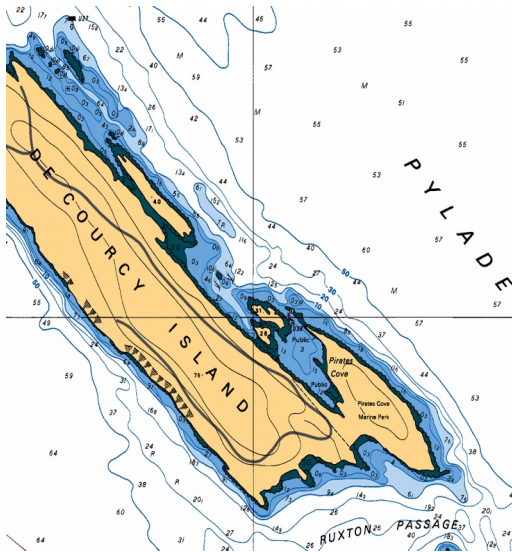


Here is the Cruising schedule for this coming summer as organized by Willina and Dave:

Cruise 1: May 20-21 Telegraph Harbour Marina-Thetis Island

This cruise is with White Rock Squadron.

Please contact the marina directly to make a reservation and let them know that you are part of the White Rock Squadron Cruise. Contact them at 1-800-246-6011

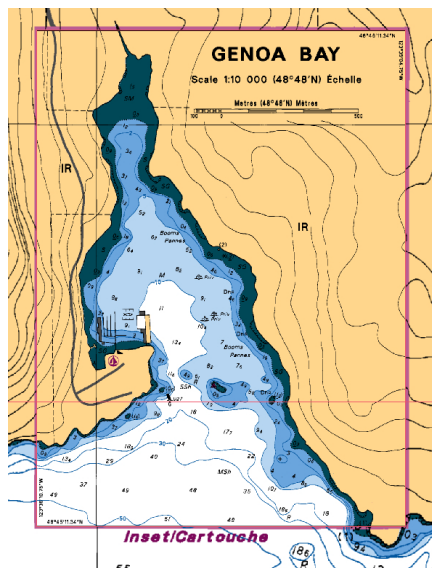


Cruise 2: June 16-17 Pirates Cove

This is an anchoring cruise and if you have not been there before this is one of the nicest anchorages in the Gulf Islands.

Please contact Willina Collins to let her know that you will be joining us.

Willinaanddave@shaw.ca

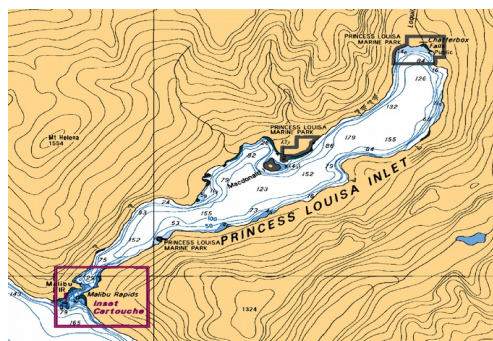


Cruise 3: July 1-3 Genoa Bay

We have not been to this marina for a long time. There is great restaurant at the top of the dock so don't miss it.

This cruise is with Langley Squadron so let the marina know when you contact them for your reservation. (DO NOT anchor out if there is a gale warning in Juan de Fuca!! - we've learned this lesson!)

Contact them at 1-800-572-6481

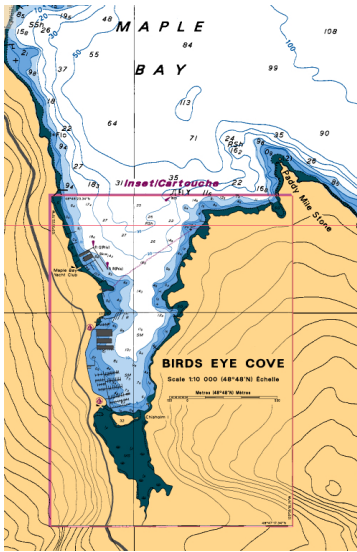


Cruise 4: August 4 Princess Louisa Inlet

This is an extended cruise of at least a week and probably longer depending on your schedule (or type of vessel). We plan to cruise to Princess Louisa Inlet and to explore the surrounding area including Pender Harbour, Hotham Sound, Texada Island, Blind Bay (Fox Island), and Jedediah Island.

Please contact Peter Lefroy and let him know if you will be joining us.

plefroy@telus.net



Cruise 5: Sept. 1-4 Maple Bay Marina

Our season ending cruise where we will all tell stories about what a great cruising summer it has been. Byron and Donnie Buie will be coordinating this cruise. This was a lot of fun last year and Maple Bay Marine (at the end of the inlet) are great hosts. Just remember, you may be 'scored' on your docking method.

Please contact Maple Bay Marina to make your reservation and tell them that you are with Fraser Squadron.

Contact them at 1-866-746-8482

Vancouver Marina Pumpout

Vancouver Marina located in the middle arm of the Fraser River will have a holding tank pump out Station in operation by mid-April of this year.

It will be located on the outside of the fuel dock so access will be very easy. In most cases it should take about a minute to empty your holding tank while you are filling your boat with fuel.

There will be a \$10.00 charge for this very handy service.

Rendering Assistance

It was a lovely day and we were just chugging along enjoying the beauty of it all. We were headed north through Sansum Narrows on our way to the Ladysmith Maritime Society Marina. Like all good boaters I had the VHF radio tuned to channel 16. The silence was suddenly broken by a Mayday call and of course my full attention was drawn to the call in case we could be of assistance. A 26 foot boat called the "Lucky Viking" was on fire in the vicinity of Chemainus. We were basically right there. Another boat answered the call as they were also close by and in fact from the description of that boat I could see it in the distance. Kouka and I both started looking as well but could see no boat on fire at all. In fact several minutes later the other boat which I could see was going back and forth was also having no luck and called the "Lucky Viking" again to ask for their location.

We had continued north looking all the time and were now very close to Chemainus Harbour. My eyes were drawn to the shoreline and I noticed a boat which was drifting with someone standing on the bow. I then called the "Lucky Viking" and asked if they were the boat with the man standing on the bow in the yellow T-shirt. The answer yes came back very quickly. We were there in less than a minute!

There was no smoke or fire that we could see but the boat did have two couples on board with both men still on the boat and two women in a small inflatable boat tethered to the stern. None of them had PFD's on! I contacted the "Lucky Viking" and told them that I would take them in tow and get them to the Chemainus Marina as they were now drifting very close to the rocky shoreline.. They had already rigged a tow line and all it required was for me to turn our boat stern first to theirs so that the line could be thrown into our cockpit. Did I mention that it was quite choppy at the time! This took two attempts but we made it happen and we were on our way.

I now contacted Victoria Coast Guard Radio and let them know that I had the "Lucky Viking" in tow and were on our way to Chemainus Marina. Kouka suggested that I contact Chemainus Marina to let them know that we were coming and that they needed to make room for us. The wharfinger informed me that he had been listening to our calls and that they were already prepared. All of these calls were of course made very correctly because of the superb instruction that I had received from the CPS radio courses which I have taken from Fraser Squadron.

Within no time we were around the point, after avoiding the Thetis Island Ferry, and closing in on Chemainus Marina. I decided that it would be much easier to get the distressed vessel up to the dock if he was tied along side our boat rather than trailing behind. I called him to let him know that I was going to maneuver him along our port side so he should have lines and fenders out. Now remember it was very choppy, but we managed to get him alongside. At one point I had what would be described as a "MOMENT" when one of his cleats seemed determined to punch a hole in our side. Luckily we were able to fend him off.

It was at this point as we headed for the dock that I realized that my right leg was shaking so badly that I could not stop it. Adrenalin is a funny thing! We were there in less than five minutes and Kouka and I cast off the lines and kept on going. We reported to Victoria Coast Radio that the "Lucky Viking" was now at the dock and that we were on our way. The "Lucky Viking" thanked us and said that, "Today was Sunday and that we must be angels!" Kouka yelled back, "You are welcome, just pay it forward!" We then proceeded to Ladysmith where we rewarded ourselves with an early afternoon drink!

We could not have done this as quickly and efficiently as we did without great help and communication between Kouka and me and the training that we have received from Fraser Squadron.

Thank you: Peter and Kouka

It's Nearly Spring - Update Those Charts!

Check your e-nav programs before setting out and while you have a good wi-fi connection. Both the apps and the charts may want to do updates.

For example, **Navionics** on our iPad needed a chart update - it was a 675 mb download! The other iPad program we use, **iSailor**, also had updates for the purchased charts. On our laptop, the US charts both **Polar View** and **OpenCPN** had updates to install.

We maintain a reminder list of the various things that need updating before the boating season - a

sample follows:

Electronic Charts and Sailing Documentation Updates				
<i>Device</i>	<i>APP</i>	<i>Chart Type</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Date Updated</i>
iPad	Navionics		updated USA and CDN	2017/03/01
iPad	iSailor		updated USA and Canada	2017/01/30
iPad	PolarView MX	RNC	updated USA only	2017/02/28
iPhone – P	Navionics		updated USA and CDN	2017/03/05
iPhone – K	Navionics		updated USA and CDN	2014/05/09
Acer - laptop	Polarview	RNC,ENC	updated USA only, old CDN charts	2017/02/28
Acer - laptop	OpenCPN	RNC,ENC	updated USA only, old CDN charts	2017/02/28
References				
			Ports and Passes	
			Canadian Tide and Current Tables Volumes 5 and 6	
			Reference by date and time for Current Atlas	
			USA Sailing Directions – Juan de Fuca	
			USA Sailing Directions – San Juan Islands	
			USA Sailing Directions – enroute BC	
			USA Coast Pilot	
			Waggoner Cruising Guide	
			List of Lights	
			USA Chart Booklets	
<i>Number</i>	<i>On Board</i>	<i>In 2010 Catalogue</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Notes</i>
3001		y	Vancouver Island	
3312			Desolation Chart Book	book
3411	y	y	Sooke harbour	
3415	y		Victoria Harbour	
3423	y		Trial Island to Cadboro Bay	
3435			Indian Arm	

Do Your Cruising Guides Need Updating?

On 'Golden Mean' we carry cruising guides written by local authors including:

Peter Vassilopoulos is the author of a number of reference guides for our cruising grounds. Peter has made a number of updates to his publications. They can be found at.

<http://marineguides.com/>

Bill Kelly and Anne Vipond are the authors of 'Best Anchorages of the Inside Passage' and other publications. Anne also does some great 'big ship' cruising guides.

<http://www.oceancruiseguides.com/guides/best/>

Anne and Laurence Yeadon-Jones are the authors of the 'Dreamspeaker' series of cruising guides. These can be found at:

<http://www.harbourpublishing.com/author/AnneLaurenceYeadonJones>

Another ready reference on our chart table is the Waggoner Guide. We download the (FREE) new PDF each Spring (it is now available) and load it onto the iPad. The Guide can be found at:

<http://waggonerguide.com/>

Older cruising references are also great and often found in used book stores. These include:

The West Coast of Vancouver Island by Don Watmough. This was a good reference for us when cruising out to Barkley Sound in 1990 on the Columbia 26 'Catspaw' .

Volume 1 - Gulf Islands, Volume 2 - Desolation Sound, and Volume 3 - Sunshine Coast by Bill Wolferstan are classic references that include interesting history of our cruising grounds.

Cruising Beyond Desolation Sound by John Chappell carried 'Catspaw' safely to the top of Vancouver Island, over to Cape Caution and back in the late '80's.

As part of this summer's cruise planning check to see if the guides you have have been updated or if new guides are available.

Fraser Squadron – Your Bridge for 2016 - 2017			
Commander	Dave Mellis - 604-841-2442	Executive Officer	John Dymond - 604-943-4602
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Administration	Meredith Williamson - 604-836-6140	Secretary	Guiri Chinnappa - 604-940-8711
Web Master	Bob Everson - 604-271-2551	Membership	Vidas Vitkus – 604-948-2188
Port Captain	Peter Lefroy - 604-271-5240	Supplies	Bill Hawryluk - 604-270-2946
Cruise Master	Peter Lefroy - 604-271-5240	Regalia	Donalda Buie - 604-271-7938
Communications & Historian		Public Relations	Jan Muller - 604-628-2037
Environment	Les Muller - 604-628-2037	Multi Cultural	Rick Easthom 604-946-8389 Jack Tang - 778-919-0723
Special Projects	Barb Dymond - 604-943-4602	Past Commander	Byron Buie - 604-271-7938
Publications / Fairlead	Byron Buie – 604-271-7938 Paul Vanderwood - 604-946-4184		

We thank the Bridge members for serving and are always on the lookout for additional Squadron members to assist with functions. Give Dave a call if you want to be more active in our Squadron.

The editor is always looking for content. Please share your summer boating stories; the good, the bad, and wonderful spots you journeyed to.



Sometimes they want to play in the dinghy too.



Winter will end soon – maybe???