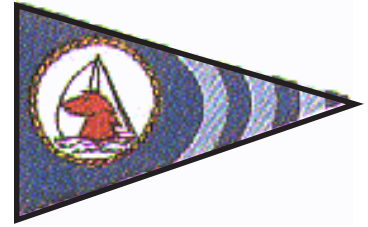


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## Commander

by Jeff Adams



Wow, this has been a fantastic summer of boating. I hope you have spent time in the many lakes, rivers and surrounding ocean and that all your adventures have been safe and fun.

As the incoming Commander I need to thank my predecessors, especially Jay Chalkman. Langley Power and Sail Squadron is a vibrant club filled with great people. The past and current bridge members as well as our excellent instructors as they are the foundation of the club and their passion makes Langley an outstanding squadron. Please extend a big welcome, to the two newest bridge members Len Murphy and Steve Peel to the Member-At-Large positions, we are excited to have their contributions to the executive.

I encourage members to volunteer on the bridge, or participate in the Fall and Winter classes. Every position could use extra hands, for example: helping Tami McFarlane on next year's cruises, planning a social event with Candace Stone or marking homework (proctoring) on a class night. As a Member-At-Large there is no set responsibility, so you can contribute as your schedule permits. By attending the Bridge Meeting it allows you to better understand how and where you can help your squadron and fellow members. If you are interested please contact me.

Thanks Tami McFarlane for an excellent cruise season to Ladysmith, Ganges, Vancouver's Boat for Hope and Mill Bay. A first time event for LPS was the Boat for Hope sponsored by the Variety Club. LPS was well represented, as Final Edition pictured

on the cover won the "Spirit Award" for the boat best demonstrating the spirit of the event. Congratulations Sandy and Tami McFarlane as this is the highest honor. Note that this was also their first year attending this event. The decorations and costumes were great, especially the smoking cannon. (How will you top that next year?)

We had four of our bridge members take the Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Course. It is a course delivered by Transport Canada and is intended to educate boaters on boating safety. They are now certified for safety checks on pleasure crafts, which is a free service. They are as follows Leanne Adams 604-805-6101 Jeff Adams 604-644-3259 Jim Henderson 604-308-1544 and Derek Smith 778-938-2879. We also have two very interesting video's on loan to us Cold Water Boot Camp and Beyond Cold Water Boot Camp. If anyone would like to borrow them please let me know.

Brian Chapman Training Officer is hard at work organizing the fall classes so please review his article for details. The Socials Committee Candace Stone and Leanne Adams have also planned some fall events namely the September 21<sup>st</sup> Barbeque at Williams Park. A few of these events have pre-registration deadlines for example the CHRISTMAS PARTY needs to be booked by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou, however it seems that LPS could be rewritten to "... people will never forget how you helped them when their boat was having a mechanical issue." there is a lot of heart in this club.

I hope everyone has had a great boating season to date and if I don't see you on the water, then I hope to see you at the classes or upcoming events.

*Cdr. Jeff Adams*

Visit our web site: [www.langleysquadron.com](http://www.langleysquadron.com)

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## Training

by *Brian Chapman*

For our fall season courses we are happy to be able to put on the following:

**Boating Basics** (PCOC) Starting September 9 2014. All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for the Transport Canada test is presented in an easy to read format that is both informative and entertaining. You can be confident that this study guide meets all the standards established by Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

As an extra benefit, if you pass the test offered by Canadian Power and

Sail Squadrons, your Card is recognized by BOTH Transport Canada and The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). You may contact Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to locate a testing facility in your area.

Starting September 9 2014

**Boating Essentials** starting September 30 2014. This course continues where Boating Basics left off and offers instruction in Navigation, Charting, Plotting and an introduction to Electronic Navigation. PCOC will get you on the water; Boating Essentials will get you safely home.

Topics include magnetic compass,

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## *Training contd.*

global positioning and charts, navigation, conning, plotting, digital charts, anchoring, lines and ropes, electrical hazards, towing, boating and the environment and more.

Prerequisites: PCOC (Boating Basics)

Marine Maintenance starting September 16 2014. **The full enjoyment of boating** includes both the pleasure of using the boat and the satisfaction of properly maintaining it. To many boaters, working on their boat is part of the fun, to say nothing of the savings in costs.

All boats need maintenance to correct for the gradual deterioration from wear and tear let alone exposure to the elements. A boater should be constantly on the alert for signs of vessel degradation, and make repairs while the problem is minor.

From spark plugs to bottom paint, the **Marine Maintenance Course** covers all the basics for DIY boaters

**Marine Radio** starting October 16 2014. **The Maritime Radio Course** teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet,

procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

For any information or input as to any other classes that may be of interest please see our web site or e mail me at [b1chapman@shaw.ca](mailto:b1chapman@shaw.ca)

Our web site for the Langley squadron will offer easy links to register for courses [www.langleysquadron.com](http://www.langleysquadron.com). You can also go to the National web site to register as well

Well we look forward to seeing everyone

*Jim Hornell AST STO*

*Brian Chapman STO*

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## Boat for Hope 2014

*by Tami McFarlane*



Langley Power Squadron had two boats attend the Boat For Hope put on by the Variety Children's Charity!

Jeff and Leanne Adams (Dave and Jackie Peebles aboard)

Sandy and Tami McFarlane (Colten, Maisie and Kally aboard)

The children waited with excitement to board the decorated boats down at the RVYC - Royal Vancouver (Jericho docks) for them and their families this is an event of a lifetime!

Once everyone was aboard their pirate ships, off we went on our adventure! We cruised around False Creek and as we came upon four different stations the children would squirt gun the pirates that would arrive beside us in their smaller dinghies. The water fights were on!

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Little did they know that they were good pirates bringing loot bags!

Afterwards, we all headed down to Granville Island docks with our boats where live entertainment was put on all evening.

Monday evening an amazing banquet was held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Jericho. Silent auctions, videos, and great food!

A great time was had by everyone!



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## Calendar of Events

***Sunday September 21, 2014***  
*2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Picnic in the park.*

<http://www.tol.ca/Parks-Recreation/Parks-and-Amenities/ParkId/59>

Williams Park – 68 Avenue & 238 Street Langley BC

There is a barbeque provided, and you simply bring something to cook for yourselves and something to share (salad, dessert). We will bring paper plates, napkins and utensils. Please bring your own cooking tools, glasses and beverages.

We have reserved a large covered picnic area, there are lots of tables. Bring your family, we will be there rain or shine.

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***Friday October 24, 2014***  
*8:00 – 9:00 Go Kart Racing*

<http://www.fasttrackkarting.ca>

FastTrack Indoor Karting - 5760 Production Way Langley BC 604-534-3278

As this is our first event I will be looking for feedback if you are interested. I have secured a private track for 1 hour (maybe 2 hours) and the more people the cheaper the price. Please call me if you are interested by the end of August. I will put together a phone list and stay in touch closer to the date. At this time here are the rough parameters:

Time	# of People	Price per Person
1 hour	12	\$87.50
1 hour	20	\$52.00
2 hours	30	??

We can do a race challenge or break into teams. Call me and let me know you are interested – Leanne 604-805-6101. Bring the family, you will need to sign a waiver, and minimum height is 56", also this is a co-ed event.

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***Friday November 21, 2014***  
*Langley Christmas Party*

Doors open 6:00, Buffet dinner 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Racing starts around 7:00 p.m. and ends about 10:30-11:00 p.m.

Fraser Downs RaceTrack - 17755 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Surrey BC 604-575-5603  
Tickets are \$37.00 and include a buffet dinner.

Tickets will be on sale shortly and we are looking for a record turnout. At this time we are trying to book with Surdel and White Rock Squadron. We need to have final numbers by October 15<sup>th</sup>, Drinks are additional but coffee and tea is included in the price. The facility is 19+ only and no minors are allowed. Please bring two pieces of identification, one government issued and one other. The casino is open 24 hours on the weekends. Enjoy the stunning view of the race track, racing and wagering available at your discretion. Socialize and meet new friends.

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### **Upcoming events** (are subject to change):

January - Pub night and Graduation

February – Cooking Class

March – Poker night

April – Wine Tour in the Fraser Valley

May – Change of Watch and Bellingham picnic

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## Executive Officer's Report

by Jay Chalkman

### *Summer 2014*

The Langley Power and Sail Squadron members continue to be busy on and off the water this summer. Our new Commander Jeff Adams has been busy getting the Squadron organized for the fall courses and finding new ways to keep our membership active and engaged. I know Jeff has some innovative ideas and events planned for the fall.

Our squadron members have been busy on the water. The Luica family are on their usual West Coast cruise. I am sure there are few salmon out there who wish Tony would stay home. The Hendersons and the Chapmans are cruising the Gulf Island area this year and eventually plan to make their way down to Sucia Island to join up with the Bellingham Squadron. The McFarlanes made it to Victoria and other Gulf Island destinations.

Hilary and I were able to attend the Ladysmith, Ganges and Mill Bay cruises. Tami McFarlane did a great job organizing the 2014 cruises. We had a good time on each of the cruises and had lots of fun. Sitting on the dock and sharing boating stories is a great way to spend a sunny afternoon in the Gulf Islands. I know Hilary always enjoys going to the Saturday market on Ganges. Bob Stone did an impressive job getting everyone on the Ganges Government Wharf. I don't know how he did it, but he got all of us on the Wharf with no reservations. Good job Bob!

It is on each of these cruises that I pick-up more local boating knowledge. I also get to know my boat a little better each time we head out. Squadron members can always be counted on to help each other when needed. This can be on the dock or on the water. We are fortunate to live in an area where there is such great boating. It is just a jump across the strait and we are in the beautiful Gulf Islands.

Oh well, time to get back to my next boat project. Keep checking the Squadron's web page for up-coming events and news. I know everyone on the Bridge welcomes new members and experienced members to our cruises. Lastly, take a look at our fall courses. There could be something of interest for you.

See you on the water

*Jay Chalkman*  
*Executive Officer*

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## Drink Recipes

by "Tequila" Devida

(on board the Nautilus)

I always try a new drink in the summer and this year I found a Watermelon and Cucumber Mojito.

Take a few cubes of watermelon, 3 slices of English cucumber, a couple of fresh mint leaves, one tablespoon of sugar, a good squeeze of lime juice and muddle them together. This will take a couple of minutes but is worth the fuss. Add an ounce of white rum. Strain into a tall glass, half filled with ice and top with ginger ale. Add a couple watermelon chunks and a slice of cucumber if you wish. This drink has a very nice flavor and is very forgiving if the recipe is not followed perfectly.

I have always liked Tequila and have traditionally done a tequila shot followed by salt and lime. While on vacation in Delray Beach Florida my husband found a great Mexican Restaurant with over 100 types of tequila. I ordered a flight with 4 different types of tequila, but instead of salt and lime, it was accompanied with a shot glass of a very spicy Bloody Mary. I make it at home with tomato juice, horseradish and tabasco sauce. Somehow, the hotter I make it, the better the tequila tastes!

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## Anchors aweigh! - Or maybe not?

*Fireworks, July 26th*

I have always taken my boat down to the Vancouver fireworks. Maribel and I host a dinner cruise with our family, friends from CPS and work. We have always anchored in False creek on Fri night and everyone shows up for dinner on the boat before heading out to anchor with all the other boats.

This time my anchor was caught on something while anchored in False creek. I use a 65 pound anchor with 400 feet of 3/8 chain. With a boat load of people I tried in vain to lift the anchor, pulling up using the windless, turning the boat and using the boats height to pull and push and lift. It was no use, that anchor is not coming up. With John Hubbard and Ed Bolli on the bow trying to catch the cable or what ever the anchor was caught on with a grappling hook attached to a 30 foot dock line.

Again, this didn't work ether. Back and forth, round and round, up and down, they couldn't hook what we're caught on with the grappling hook. So I made the decision to go diving. Lucky for us, I keep my Scuba gear on board.

So I got suited up and down the chain I went. Getting to the bottom (24 feet) I felt around the chain and it went straight in the mud. With no visibility a light didn't help at all. I felt around the mud again, pulling up on the chain. No anchor?

It was so deep in the mud and caught on something that wasn't on the surface of the bottom, there wasn't any chance of the guys on deck to hook anything. So now with 0 visibility I started to dig into the muddy bottom. Down about a foot I found the anchor shaft but could not get to flukes, but did feel some junk, cables some kind of heavy screen, wires etc..

Now what to do? I can't get to other end of my anchor to attach a trip line to it. So I came back up and got the Grappling hook and dove again. Placing the hook as low on the anchor shaft as I could and put the mud back on to of it so that it couldn't come off.

I resurfaced and asked Ed to relay to John who is now at the helm to back the boat up while lowering the boats chain. Once he was back far enough so the chain was laid out along the bottom we had the line attached to the grappling hook tied to the back of my sisters boat. I gave the hand signal for her boat to pull away.

The anchor pulled out backwards and we are free. Now that's the first time I have ever had trouble to retrieve my anchor in all the years I've been boating. Now I think I'll attach a trip line and float to it and save a lot of grief and time.

*Terry Watling on  
Private Affair*

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## *Drink Recipes contd.*

Here is a summer classic that is back in style-The Pimm's Cup. I bought a bottle of Pimm's No.1 as I saw it on quite a few cocktail lists at restaurants.

I measure Pimm's

2-3 measures lemonade, 7-up or Ginger Ale

Add plenty of ice

I use Ginger Ale. It is slightly botanical in flavor but not over the top and I really like it.

I hope to see you on the water and have a new drink to offer! Remember "These are to be enjoyed at the end of your boating day at the dock".

*"Tequila" Devida  
on board the Nautilus*



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## Boating Dogs and New Friends

by Debby Peel

Boating Dogs & New Friends.  
It was a great Langley Power Squadron rendezvous spent at the beautiful Mill Bay Marina for the Canada Day holiday weekend. The large solid concrete docks are great to gather together on for potlucks or happy hour. We had good weather, food and fun! Crabbing, prawning, blind wine tasting and even a glass jewelry display from Debbie Armstrong (thedesignden.ca) were the order of the day. Thanks Tami McFarlane for organizing a great rendezvous.

Tollydaze, Nautilus, Tollytime II and Nahanni Blue stayed on an extra day and it turned out to be a super evening with the highlight being a fresh caught crab and prawn dinner including several delicious accoutrements.

Our dog Jasper, on the other hand wasn't feeling the love over the weekend. It was quite hot for him during the day so he preferred to stay out of the sun inside the boat. In the evenings we were busy visiting on the dock so most of his time was spent alone on our boat. We did dinghy over to Mill Bay Nature Park trails looking for a good walk but found it too shallow to get to shore with the ebbing tide. So our dog's exercise was mostly just the obligatory 'walkies' to

do 'business'; up the road then back. Little did this dog know his luck was about to change.

The next day those of us still at Mill Bay headed up to Cowichan Bay. After settling in I bee-lined it up to the amazing bakery (truegrain.ca) and some browsed around town after which we decided on a local restaurant for dinner. Lots of laughs ensued. But, dinner done, back to the dock, chairs out, sitting around, dog finally gets let out to run free on the dock which we had to ourselves. Derek from Nautilus started throwing our dog's toy octopus and the fun was on! We were all entertained by Derek and Jasper's antics which kept on for quite a while. Jasper didn't catch on for at least 20 or 30 throws how Derek kept getting the toy out of his mouth without the tug of war that he's used to. That was without a doubt the highlight of Jasper's weekend but also great way to end a wonderful evening (guilt free for me knowing our dog was finally satisfied with some play time...thanks Derek!)

The next morning when our dog saw Derek, oh... the joy on his face, he ran to him like a long lost friend, only it was a new friend made.



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## Items for sale

The Mustang Commander vest: used only once, size xxl, 50" - 54", \$65. The Mustang floater coat, used, size small, 34"-38". \$20. Both for \$75 obo

Contact Debby @ 604-534-0567

