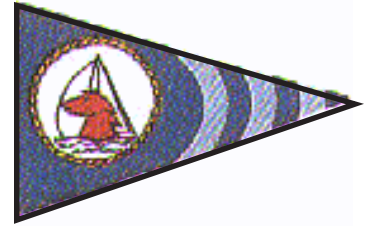


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Happy Holidays

*The best wishes for
the Holiday
Season from the
Langley Power
and Sail Squadron
Bridge*



*This driftwood christmas
tree was created and
photographed by
Tami McFarlane*

Commander

by Jeff Adams



On behalf of Leanne and I, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that another year is almost gone and Christmas is already here. We had a great time cruising in the summer although it never seems long enough. We were thrilled by the ideas of Tami McFarlane as Cruise Director and welcome the addition of Sharon Bossons to help plan our 2015 Cruises. Watch for the announcement in the next Newsletter or on our website www.langleysquadron.com. Shane Fawkes is constantly adding tips and upcoming events so it pays to check in often. Great work Shane!

I am excited to say we had three new bridge positions this year, all Members-At-Large. These are great positions to see what is involved with the bridge and learn other positions you may enjoy. There is no set responsibility other than to lend a helping hand. I would like to thank Len Murphy, Leanne Adams and Steve Peel for taking on these positions.

New registration is a challenge amongst all squadrons however our STO Brian Chapman has done a fabulous job in tough times. Every other squadron is at record low registration we have maintained our numbers. Jim Hornell our assistant STO has been an asset in our proctoring requirements along with several others including Len Murphy. It has been with the help of our chief proctor Ron Ruffeski and registrar Joy Ruffeski who make the registration process seamless. This being my first year as Commander it was nice to have the help of Past Commander

Jay Chalkman who is also my Executive Officer. We have had some great socials this year they will be described later in the newsletter. Candace Stone and Leanne Adams were instrumental in putting these together. Bob Stone, Membership officer is a wealth of knowledge, so if you have any questions about renewing your membership, reach out to him. Our treasurer Alison Chapman has done a great job maintaining excellent records so that year end is seamless. Thanks to Doug Romily for his help with year end. Lisa Fawkes, secretary has kept us on track with her minutes. Our USPS liaison Sandy Henderson has attended the USPS functions and kept LPS in the sight of our sister squadron Bellingham.

Terry Watling who you will all know as a teacher in our classes is also our historian. We have had very good communications this year thanks to Darryl Day our Communications Officer. Finally if you are reading this you will know Ed Bolli, the publisher of this newsletter. Ed has done a fabulous job for many years in this position.

As you can see we have many bridge members who wear more than one hat and who have been on the bridge in many different positions for many years. I am asking that we get some new people on the bridge not because the current bridge has problems but because we need some invigoration. The people on the bridge and our teachers do what they do because they believe in the squadron, they are excited to help out, and teach others. I would like to see others get this excited and realize the comradery that is built when helping out on the bridge. We have wonderful, and well respected teachers who put in a lot of time helping educate new and old boater's thank you Bill, Terry, Shane and Jim. I think they will agree with me that we could use a few more teachers to help out. If this interests you or the bridge interests you please let any of us know and we will do what is necessary to bring you into these positions. Remember this is your squadron and you get from it what you put into it.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water in the new year.

Jeff Adams

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Training

by Brian Chapman

We have a very busy course schedule lined up for 2015 starting in January.

PCOC January 06 2015 to January 20 2015

Boating Essentials January 27 2015

Marine Maintenance January 27 2015

Sailing January 27 2015

VHF February 26 to March 11 2015

Electronic Navigation April 1 2015

Radar April 1 2015

As you can see we are trying to offer a wide variety of courses times and dates to fit in with most schedules. Also we are looking for ideas and suggestions for the fall courses. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

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Thank you!



Langley Power and Sail Squadron would like to extend special thanks to the Museum of Flight for the use of their facilities during the teachers strike.

Members, don't forget to visit and support the Museum of Flight.

Book your tour:

www.canadianflight.org

5333 216th St, Langley, BC,
V2Y 2N3, Canada

PMD Rendezvous 2015

We'd like to gather some information to determine an appropriate time and destination for a PMD Rendezvous in 2015.

Could you please fill out this survey as soon as possible as we'd like to have all the data gathered before year end.

Please go to:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015 PMD Rendezvous survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015%20PMD%20Rendezvous%20survey)

Isabella Booth PMD PRO



As you know, we hold our classes at Brookwood Secondary School. For the use of their classrooms we supply a bursary for Brookwood students. This years recipient was Quinn Mykyte He sent us a thank you note:

Dear Langley Power and Sail Squadron

Thank you for selecting me as one of your winners for the scholarship. As a child I grew up boating; ocean and fresh water. I took sailing lessons for three years and did many water sports such as: wake boarding, wake skating and of course tubing. As soon as I turned 16 I got my boater's license. Here I am, two years later, graduating from highschool and ready to go after my dreams. In the fall of 2014 I will be attending Langara College to become a perinatal nurse.

Again, thank you so much for your contribution

Sincerely from
Quinn Mykyte

Upcoming Socials

- Save the Dates -

January - Pub night and Graduation

Wednesday January 14th

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Speaker

Baron Manor Pub

9568 192 Street, Surrey, British Columbia V4N 3R9

Phone: 604.888.5551

February – Cooking Class

Friday February 13th

6:30 p.m.

Well Seasoned

Gourmet Grocery Store

117-20353 64 Ave, 64 Ave, Langley, BC V2Y 1N5

Phone:604-530-1518

Call and book today. Reservation is “Langley Power Squadron”.

This is dinner and a show, no cooking skills needed but a great opportunity to learn some new kitchen techniques and enjoy a yummy meal. Also you can bring your own wine.

We are working on a theme. There is a minimum size of 12 guests, \$60 (plus tax) per person...and a maximum of 26 guests. Details to follow on the website www.langleysquadron.com, and watch for upcoming e-mails. You will need to book right away so we meet our minimum requirement for a private function. Call and reserve today, so you don't miss out, as this is sure to be a sold out event.

March – Farm & Wine Tour in the Fraser Valley

Saturday March 14th

12 – 4 p.m.

We will drive around Langley to visit some noteworthy farms and wineries. Exact locations to be advised closer to the time.

May– Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 2nd

Start 6:00 p.m.

Potluck, Speakers and Elections of the Bridge

Fort Langley Lions Hall

23022 88th Ave Fort Langley, BC V1M 2S4

May - Bellingham and Langley Co-Op Picnic

Sunday May 3rd

11:30 – 3:00

Bring something to barbeque and something to share as we join Bellingham Squadron for our first co-op event of the season.

Canada Park Contact:

Peace Arch Provincial Park

138 Peace Park Drive

RR#7 Surrey, BC V4P 2Y2

Go Karting at the Langley Fast Track

by *Devida Smith*

racers. First up was registration. Terminals have been set up so you can quickly complete the required questionnaire. Once registered and having decided on our own racing nickname, it was off to a room where a short video on safety was shown. We were then taken to the track which was also indoors, and asked to pick out a helmet. There was a viewing room off to the side where non racers could sit,

We were divided into teams and were to be clocked for the amount of times we drove around the track.

The racing started up very quickly, the men were off and the atmosphere changed. It was exciting- the noise- the smell- the speed- the competitive spirit- I let Derek go first. When I was motioned to hold my sign up and call Derek in, I began to get nervous. I looked at the vehicle as I was climbing

into the driver's seat, and wondered if I would remember which was the gas and which was the brake. No worries - no one uses the brakes! I soon discovered that the guys had them floored the whole time and there was no way I was going to keep up with their pace. There were curves, sharp turns, a straightaway - all lined with tires to bounce off of in case you missed a curve. Everyone was having such a good time- the guys were so fast that I quickly learned to stay out of the way or I would get bumped. Speaking of bumping, we were told that



As Derek and I approached The Langley Fast Track for an evening of Go-Karting, I did not know what to expect. We walked into the reception area and chatted with the club members as everyone arrived. The facility is modern and well kept, with a fancy Kart on display for show and signage on the walls paying tribute to members who race well. The overhead monitors are complete with individual speed times and nicknames such as "Scooter Streak". It was then that I realized that Go-Karting is taken quite seriously as a sport, and that the track has lots of regulars. There were 14 participants- Leanne and I were the only female

as well as a concession stand offering snacks and beverages. It did not take me long to notice that a Go-Kart today is a much different machine than it was in 1964. The Karts were lined up ready to go in the pit area. To me, they looked more like Speeders from Star Wars than the bare bones vehicles I would drive with my brother and his friends. An attendant came up to us holding large signs with numbers on them. Each Kart was shared by 2 drivers and the signs are to be used as signals to tell the racing driver that his time on the track was up, and to come in to the pit area and switch with the other driver. This happened several times during the race.

"Bumping is not allowed but those little accidents are OK." Derek and Jeff held back on one of their turns as everyone was switching and gave Leanne and I some time on the track alone, which was really fun. When our time on the track was finished, we handed in our helmets and the attendant gave out a printout of the track times and winners. I did not see my "Rumrunner" name in the winners circle but I did have fun and would recommend the experience.

After the event we finished off the evening sharing a few laughs at a restaurant.

Devida Smith

Executive Officer's Report

by Jay Chalkman

Time to plan for next year



It is -5c outside today, Lone Star is prepared for the cold winter months and I am perusing the latest Pacific Yachting magazine in the warmth of my house. As I am going through the articles and boats for sale, I am starting to plan and get ideas for next year's boating season. There are always new boat projects just waiting. What to do? What to do? Next year, I know we are planning to tune our props and get Lone Star ready for the required insurance survey. Once Lone Star is out of the water, we will repack the rudder and shaft stuffing boxes. Then, we are going to tackle the salon seating situation.

We are also starting to plan our cruising adventures for next year. It is that time to take out our charts and guide books to start planning. What anchorages and marinas do we want to explore? I know we will be planning at least one trip to Ganges so Hilary can go to the Saturday market. In addition, we would like to cruise north this year and see the sites of Desolation Sound. We have heard so much about this area and the warm summer water. Then there are the

Squadron cruises that are not to be missed. I know Tammy and Sharon have put together some great cruising destinations for us. These are always fun and a good time.

I also plan to see what courses the Squadron is offering this winter to help improve my boating knowledge base and advance my seaman skills. Our Training Officer, Brian Chapman, has been busy putting the winter course selection together. Take a look at these winter courses. You may find something that peaks your interest and improves for boating knowledge. I have heard the re-designed Electronic Navigation course is very interesting and informative. It would be good to know how to get the most out of that "fancy" electronic navigation device. Although it is winter, there are still lots of boating activities.

Happy holidays and see you on the water or our next social event.

Jay Chalkman
Executive officer

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Executive Officer's Report

by Jay Chalkman contd.

*We will be having our Pub Night and Student Graduation
on January 14th at*

*Baron's Manor Pub, 9568 192 Street,
Surrey, British Columbia*

*Dinner and Social at 6 pm. Graduation at 6:45 pm ,
Jim Poirier at 7pm*

Here is Jim's bio:

BLUE WATER DREAMS

**A philosophic 60 minute visual, oracle and musical presentation encouraging us to step out side
of our comfort zone in the pursuit and living out of our dreams.**

Written and performed by

JIMPOIRIER

Singer, Song Writer, Sailor, Story Teller

"DREAMS ARE STARS TO STEER LIFE BY"

Jim Poirier has lived his life by this self written slogan. Born in the semi-dessert area of Kamloops British Columbia 63 years ago, Jim is now a retired entrepreneur who would like to give something back. He is as real as it gets, and that is exactly how he delivers his life experiences.

He says *"The ability to dream a dream, make a plan, set a goal and live out that dream is what makes humans unique on this planet. All great achievements made by mankind were accomplished this way, many by people who did not know it could not be done."*

Jim is a huge believer in stepping out of our comfort zone and living out our dreams. Blue Water Dreams is written and designed with this message in mind, and he uses his life long passion for boats, off shore sailing and music to communicate this to his audience.

Blue Water Dreams uses stories and songs written and performed by Jim. Song writing is another life long passion of Jim's and is demonstrated in this program with 6 original songs played on acoustic guitar. Nothing is pre recorded. In between each song Jim tells stories of his dreams and how they have shaped his life. In the back ground pictures and videos of Jims sailing adventures are displayed.

With over 30,000 offshore miles logged and 36 years of sailing experience, Jim has had a lot of time at sea to think about life.

Christmas Party

by Jeff Adams



We held our Christmas function at a new location this year, Fraser Downs Race Track. It was a very well attended function with close to 80 people between Langley, White Rock and Surdel Squadrons. Langley had 56 people attend and we hope to have more next year, if the club agrees, to do this again. Aside from an early commitment date (October 15th) to book the Track

we heard lots of positive feedback. While we hate to turn anyone away, as a non-profit organization we were only accountable for the cost of those who paid. Thanks everyone who committed early.

At a price of \$37.00 the food was great quality and value, with lots of seafood, beef, pork, chicken, salads and desserts. I know I had my money's worth

focusing on the meat, although I even had my veggie – a pickle.

At our table, Ed Bolli was the big winner, and Ron Ruffeski had a knack for picking the horses. It was nice to see some new faces out to this function. Of course after seven years in the club it is great to bring in the Christmas season with such great friends. I learned that it is worth getting a race program as it contains details like; if the horses are on medication on race day.

While it was a rainy cold night and it was cozy to sit inside with good company and be entertained by the thrill of the race and great boating stories. I did see a few people sneak away to the casino and try their luck there but didn't hear of any big jackpots. I guess we will need to wait until the next cruise to see if anyone did well enough to have two footitis.

We are always looking for feedback for improvements and ideas for new places to try together.

Jeff Adams

Williams Park

by Leanne Adams

Annual Williams Park Picnic
Sunday September 21, 2014 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Great weather brought about thirty people to attend our land cruise in Langley. Some came by motorcycle, others brought their families and fur babies. Williams Park is a great venue and our club does an outstanding job of potlucks. We saw everything from salads to chocolate dipped puff pastries.

Everyone grilled over a briquette barbeque, which thanks to our Commander's ingenuity was able to turn the bent racks into a viable tool.

Due to the efforts of a great phoning committee we even saw a few faces that had been absent for the last while.

Sorry no photos, I guess you will have to come next year to see who will show up.

Leanne Adams, Member at Large

Cruises for 2015

by Tami McFarlane

FOR THE FIRST 3 CRUISES PLEASE CONTACT THE MARINA DIRECTLY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT. DUE TO DEMAND THE MARINA'S ASK THAT YOU BOOK EARLY (MINIMUM 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO CRUISE) IN ORDER TO BE GUARANTEED A SPOT. AS ROCHE HARBOUR AND MILL BAY ARE VERY POPULAR DESTINATIONS, THE CUT-OFF FOR BOOKING MOORAGE IS 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CRUISE DATE (IE. April 25/15 & July 11/15), AFTER THESE DATES THEY WILL NO LONGER HOLD SPOTS FOR US. KEEP IN MIND YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION!

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE April 25 & 26 (Saturday & Sunday)
THETIS ISLAND, Telegraph Harbour Marina www.telegraphharbour.com

Saturday @ 6:00 Everyone to Dinghy to Thetis Island Marina Pub for dinner!

PIG THEMED CRUISE May 16, 17 & 18 (Saturday, Sunday & Monday – May long weekend)
ROCHE HARBOUR, San Juan Island, Washington www.rocheharbor.com

Saturday @ 5:00 Appetizers & Wine Tasting Competition. Everyone brings either a red or white wine in a paper bag and may the best wine win! (On-site store carries a selection of wine – remember crossing the border with alcohol!)

Sunday @ 6:00 Pork Roast, Ham, baked apples.... and bring a side dish to share.

Things to do:

Dinghy to the bay where the “Pig War” took place <http://www.outwestnewspaper.com/pigwars.html>

Visit the Mausoleum

<http://map.rocheharbor.com/detail.aspx?c=8&s=35&in=3&id=65&r=listview.aspx>

<http://www.fridayharbor.com/roche-harbor-mausoleum-afterglow-vista/>

http://www.weirdus.com/states/washington/cemetery_safari/mcmillin_tomb/index.php

Scooter/Car rental and tour the island

BC CRUISE August 1, 2 & 3 (Saturday, Sunday & Monday – BC Day long weekend)
MILL BAY, Vancouver Island www.millbaymarina.ca

Saturday @ 5:00 Appetizers!

Sunday @ 6:00 Dinner, bring your own meat to BBQ and side to share!

Things to do:

Kinsol Trestle Bridge <http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/index.aspx?NID=1379>

Tour local Wineries & Pastry shops! More details & ideas to come.

“WINE” DOWN CRUISE September 5, 6 & 7 (Saturday, Sunday & Monday – Labour Day long weekend)
MONTAGUE HARBOUR - Galiano Island ANCHORAGE

Saturday @ 5:00 “Pub Bus Adventure” to the Hummingbird Pub. This bus ride is entertainment at its best, as everyone sings and plays tambourines along the way!

Sunday @ 5:00 Appetizers!

Things to do:

Rent Scooters and tour the Arts and Craft shops of the Island- stop for coffee and lunch.

<http://www.galianoisland.com/maps>

Bedding Deck Fittings with Poly-Butyl Tape

by Shane Fawkes

can accidentally create with a chalking gun and your favourite flavour of 4200/5200/SikaFlex/etc. While I've gotten good results with these in the past, the time spent masking off the parts you DON'T want mucked up was significant, and if there was any sort of 'oops' and you had to reposition pieces once they were buttered or coupled....



So with several deck hardware fittings on my radar this past fall, I decided to try using some poly-butyl tape where I could; the stern cleat for our dinghy painter, the cabin top deck-rail hand holds, and some stanchion bases. In all cases I found it a superior material to work with. While a chalking gun is fast – especially for simple straight ahead re-installs, by the time you add in all the time in prep (or in deck cleanup if you didn't

explain why I think so, RC Collins at Compass Marine has created a very good argument for its use; I'd highly recommend you check it out (http://www.pbase.com/mainecruising/rebedding_hardware) -this is one of many great DIY maintenance articles you'll find on their site.

We were fortunate to begin our adventure in boating with a brand new boat, and although there are always some issues that come up with any boat, they were few in numbers and minor in complexity. During our years with that boat, repair/maintenance items were a new adventure to be learnt from. When we decided to go for a bigger boat, we opted for a well cared for 25 year old boat that we knew would have some items to address because, well..... it was a 25 year old boat!



I still have more fittings to deal with come spring, but I plan on using PBT wherever it's most appropriate.

Shane Fawkes



prep), I don't think you're any farther ahead. On more difficult pieces -like the challenging task of trying to align, position, and bed my deck top grab rails (each with 5 through deck penetrations needing to be dressed and positioned), the poly-butyl tape was way easier to work with, and less stressful (no errant dabbles of chalking on the decktop).

When it came time to dealing with re-bedding some of the deck fittings and hardware, I was not looking forward to the potential sticky mess that you

After working with it, I think -where appropriate- Poly-butyl is a far superior solution for ensuring a long term, dry, secure bedding. Rather than trying to

