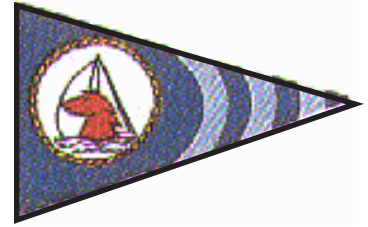


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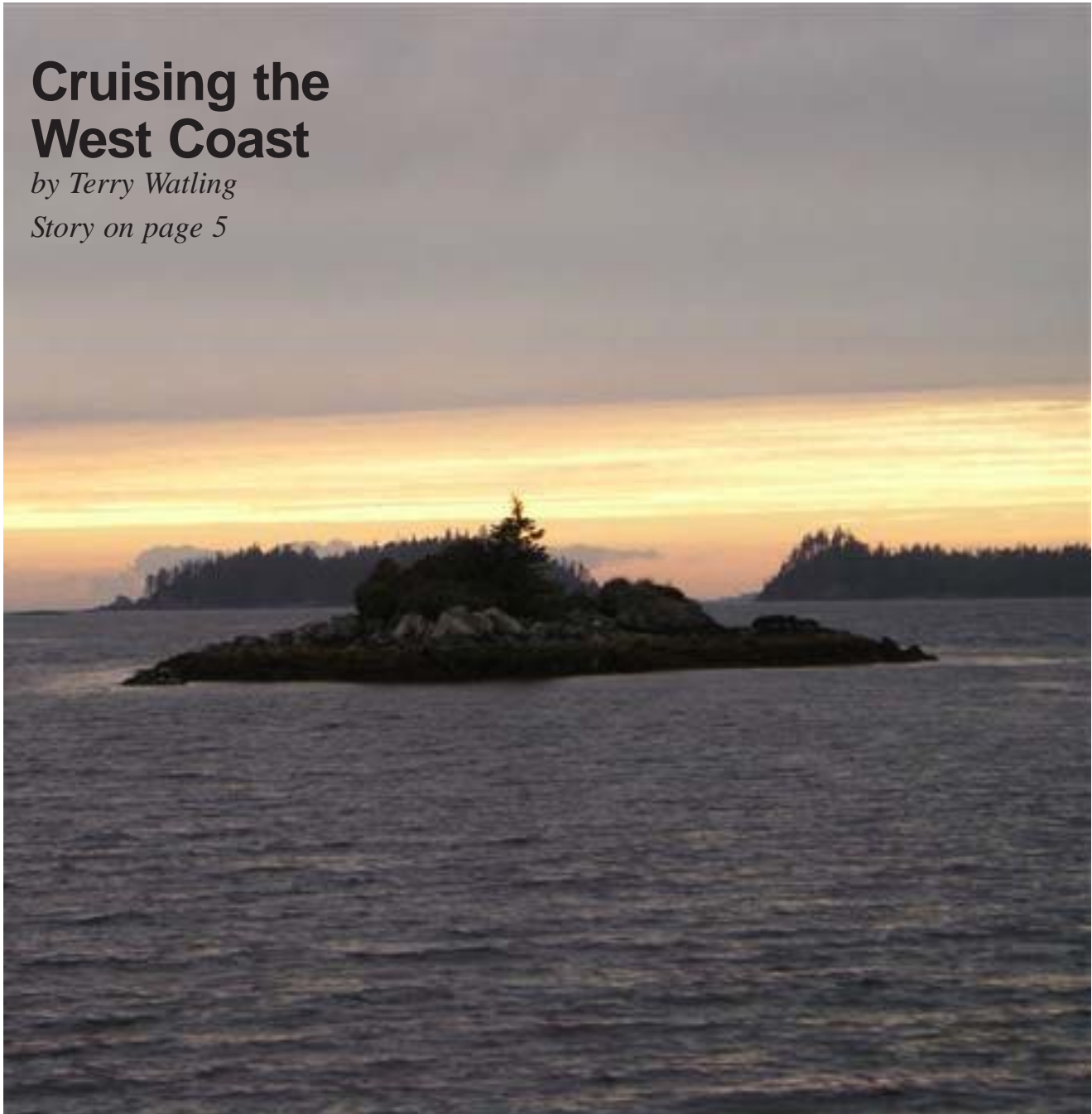
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Commander

by Jim Henderson



The summer has come and gone. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

Langley squadron has been very busy the last few months. Here are some of the items we have been working on:

- Langley participated in Costco safety week at the Langley Costco store. This involved squadron members to man an information booth from Monday to Saturday. This added up to over 60 hours of volunteer time. I would like to thank all those individuals that helped, it was a great success.

- Bob and Candace Stone, Sandie and myself attended the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons National Conference in Ottawa this October. There was a lot of

information shared between all the squadrons from across Canada. Nationally CPS membership has stopped dropping and is beginning to rebound. There is a new web based administration system on line and everyone should take a few minutes to take a look at it. The power point presentation, that Doug Romilly designed, went over well, with many squadrons asking for a copy to use. We will be sending copies to every District PRO officer so they can send it to their squadrons. Langley was awarded its sixth Honor Roll Award. This award goes to the squadrons that contribute one dollar for each member to the CPS Foundation. This fund is used to develop new course material for CPS.

- The training department is working hard as usual. Without the help of the instructors and proctors we would not be able to fulfill our mission to teach safe boating. See Mike and Shane's report on what's new and upcoming.

- On November 8th the squadron presented Karis Brynjolfson with a \$500.00 dollar Scholarship. Karis is a Brookwood Secondary School grad. One of the criteria's for the scholarship is that the student takes and passes a safe boating course.

- The Christmas dinner and dance is on November 30, 2007 please read Bob Stone's report for more information.

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The Fall Basic Boating course is well under way with 22 students enrolled. The students are working on chart work and cruises and proctors are needed to provide help to students.

Other courses offered this session are the the VHF course which

has 8 students and will be completed by the time you read this. Thanks to Dave Peebles and Ron Yates for teaching this course. Also, the Boat Pro course is starting NOV.18.

STO Mike Gervan



*The Bridge from Langley Power and Sail Squadron
wishes you a joyful Holiday Season*

Upcoming events

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| November 14 | Bridge Meeting at Brookwood Secondary School |
| November 30 | Christmas Party at Sunrise Golf and Country Club
5640 188th St., Surrey, 1900hrs |
| December 12 | Bridge Meeting at Brookwood Secondary School |

Visit our web site: www3.telus.net/kilp/lpss/

Membership

by *Sandie Henderson*

Canadian Power and sail squadron has a new web based administration system. The system will help keep track of members, speed up the process for paying your yearly dues and allows the squadron members to make their own changes to personal information.

To see the new system just go to the National web site and log in, Don't forget, you will need your CPS membership number.

At the present time we have 211 members in Langley. We have seen a decrease in membership in the last few years, this has been a trend through out Canada with CPS and other Volunteer Organizations. I hope that Langley will pick up members from the fall boating class and be able to retain our current members.

Membership Officer
Sandie Henderson

Environment

by *Gordon Andersen*

I have just received a copy of Draft A of "Safe Environmental Boating" which will form the basis of a comprehensive teaching tool and reference for Squadrons in the PMD. It will, on completion, be available to all through the websites, and will become a teaching tool indigenous to the west coast with a specific section dealing with Federal and Provincial Legislation for our area.

The document deals with environmental issues that fall into five categories: The handling of fuels, lubricants and coolants; The discharge of sewage or noxious grey water; Boat maintenance; Protection of in-shore waters; and Shore Protection.

Each section contains some good information which will be helpful to the new boater and will help the "old" boater review some of the new rules and regulations which pleasure boaters must become familiar with. A final section in the document is entitled "It's the Law" and it provides a good insight into what is expected of you as a boater.

This document has been "in progress" for quite some time – I hope that it will be completed soon and thus be available to all before another boating season begins.

Environment Officer
Gord Anderson

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Cruising the West Coast

by Terry Watling



may encounter. Weather, sea conditions, tides and that sort of thing is what you need to know. That's what I did. First a member of my Yacht club, told me how long it should take if I travelled at a speed of ten knots. "You must look out for little boats fishing", he said. "They don't show up very well on radar and you "will" travel in fog when cruising the west coast". So radar is a must. Paul Giffin has done this trip, so I sent him an e-mail. He was very helpful with places to stay and what not to miss when you're there.

Our trip started at a Canoe Cove



Sooke. When we got to Oak Bay, the wind was blowing 24 knots, so I thought we would have to stay there for the night. This is not how I would have liked to start this trip, but here we are. I motored on and had the boat in auto pilot. It wasn't so bad. I checked with my crew (Maribel)

Hi All.

I would like to tell you all about Maribel's and my summer vacation

"The scary WEST COAST" of Vancouver Island.

Not so scary if you plan well in advance. I had planned this trip all last summer. Asking a lot of other members to join us. The men all thought it would be a great trip, but the wives had a different idea of a boating holiday. Like some where closer and didn't involve the west coast. I must admit it was hard to keep Maribel convinced it was a good idea. The best advice I can give to anyone planning a trip anywhere is to plan ahead and ask people who have done it before, what to look out for and where some of the dangers are that we



meet on Thetis island. The weather had picked up on Sunday. We had planned to leave that morning and travel to

and she was reading her book and was ok if I were to keep going. If it got to bad we could always pull into Victoria. The waves were on the bow and my... I mean her boat takes it well on the bow, so we travelled past Race Rocks and pulled in to Beacher Bay. The next morning I was up at 530 am and the weather report said mild to moderate winds. We pulled anchor and headed out to sea at about 6 am. The tide would push us for the next 6 hours at 11.5 knots. The sea was so flat all that time. At about 12:00 the tide turned and we had about 6 foot swells and a speed of 9 knots. That's not like 6 foot waves around here. The swells are spaced apart so you don't come crashing down on them. Its like driving on a hilly



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road. It took us about 8 hours to go all the way around where we met up with Tony and Melody Lucia, at the Port Alderni Yacht Club. We stayed there for 3 days. I was up at 530 every morning trying to catch that big salmon. Tony would catch fish most every day. I on the other hand got skunked most every day. I must tell you, the area is beautiful and would go back many more times. I picked up one of my staff and his wife in Ucluelet on Friday night. We would be scuba diving for the next three days. The diving is great there. Clear water, lots of fish and the life under water is vast. I met Ed Bolli and his family in Ucluelet. They were there on a fishing charter and they out fished me as well. Maribel and I spent 2 weeks and saw Humpback Whales every day. We felt it would be wise to make the return trip with the Lucia's as they were leaving on Friday. We left at first light and dense fog, light winds and 10 foot swells on the stern. We could keep in touch with



each other by VHF and radar but the trip back was another good one. It's easy to forget how bad it could get. The trick is to plan ahead and wait for the right weather conditions. We saw a big pod of Killer Whales on the return trip and stopped in Victoria for a few days, so Maribel could get in some shopping. Tony and Melody turned off to Sooke.

We spent the last week of holidays around the Gulf Islands. It was full of sunshine until the last day when we travelled home. Maribel said she would do the trip again. If you're tired of the same places, try the west coast you will love it.

Safe Boating
Terry Watling

2007 Christmas Dinner and Dance

This year we will be trying something different. We will be holding our Christmas Dinner and Dance with the Sur Del and White Rock Squadrons. We are anticipating that attendance will exceed 150 people.

The Dinner and Dance will be held on

November 30, 2007 at the Sunrise Center, 5640 188 th Street, Surrey at
1900 hrs

The cost per person will be **\$40.00**

There will be a buffet with plenty of food and a DJ to ensure we can dance the evening away and have a good time.

For tickets and or information, please contact Bob and/or Candy Stone at 604 882 1048. Space will not be a problem so please ensure you make an effort to attend.

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Cruising 2007

by Candace Stone



This year we had four successful cruises. The first was our annual to Telegraph Harbour Marina on Thetis Island. We had an excellent turnout and as usual lots to eat. Bill Woodall's annual contribution of fresh clams was appreciated by all.

The second was the long weekend in May. It was held at Port Browning Marina. The weather wasn't the best and did not co-operate, however it did not stop Robert Snazel from working all

weekend to ensure a feast of fresh crab was enjoyed by all Sunday afternoon. Thanks Robert for your effort.

The third was our annual Christmas in Ganges. This year we had a large number of boats that were decorated for the occasion. The top prizes for the best decorated boats went to Jim Henderson and Terry Walting. As usual, we had the turkey, dressing and gravy catered by a local lady from Salt Spring Island and everyone contributed a dish. We held the dinner in the reception room at Ganges Marina and it was attended by some forty people. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year.

The last cruise was held at Maple Bay marina in September. The weather was nice and we all had a good weekend.

For next year, we have talked with SurDel and White Rock Squadrons and may work with them to have common cruises. It will be an opportunity to meet members of those squadrons. You will hear more about this in the near future.

Cruise Director
Candace Stone



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How long has it been since you've taken a CPS course? Maybe you wanted to get some more practical experience before taking an advanced or elective course?

Help us help you, by letting us know what your interests are. There are several additional courses we could potentially offer, but we want to know what interests you. Please take a moment and fill out and return this form. Where interest warrants, we will offer the course in the new year, so you'll be prepped and ready to apply your newly aquired knowledge for the start of the boating season.

Name: _____

Telephone#: _____

Email: _____

Please check off any courses you'd be interested in taking if offered.

Advanced Courses:

(sequential, each requires the previous course as a pre-requisite)

Piloting

Celestial Navigation

Advanced Piloting

Electives:

(no pre-requisite)

Marine Electronics

Fundamentals of Weather

Marine Maintenance

Maritime Radio (VHF & DSC)

Electronic Courses and Seminars:

Electronic Charting

Navigating with GPS

Radar for Pleasure Craft

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