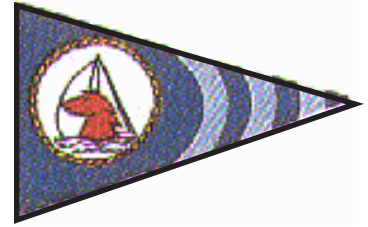


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Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year

from the Langley Power and Sail Squadron Bridge:

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Commander

by Jay Chalkman



I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and best wishes for the season. 2013 has been a busy year for our squadron. We presented a variety of interesting and challenging courses over the past year that included: Radar, Fundamentals of Weather and Boat Maintenance. We also had a busy Squadron cruising season. We cruised to Mill Bay to celebrate Canada Day and enjoyed the new docks. During our stay, a few members appreciated a local wine tasting tour. We cruised to Port Browning and had our traditional crab feast. We also had an early cruise to Thetis Island. All of the cruises were well attended and enjoyed by those who participated.

2013 has also been a year of challenges for CPS. There has been declining course enrollment in the organization across the country. The traditional Boating course has now been split into two courses called Boating Essentials and Boating Basics. Despite these organizational challenges, our Langley Squadron instructors and proctors remain committed to providing the best boat course experience and information to our students. They also continue to be committed to the values of teaching excellence by giving our students a quality course to prepare them for their voyages.

Although we teach safe boating and other boating courses, the Squadron is really much more. It is a group of likeminded people who have come together in the common interest of boating. Through this common interest, many long term friendships have been formed. It is about sharing common experiences and friendship. It is the sharing of knowledge (and a cold one) on the dock as well as the class room. It is cruising with squadron friends and sharing our West Coast adventures. A friendly and welcoming greeting on the dock after a rough crossing is always uplifting. These relationships are what make the Langley Squadron what it is. It is the individual members, their volunteer time and commitment to safe boating that defines our squadron.

2014 will bring more challenges to the squadron, but I am sure we will meet these challenges and find creative ways to continue to grow and thrive. We will offer new courses that will be of interest to both experienced boaters and new boaters. We will also always find time to welcome new members and catch up with valued friends. We aim to support all our members, new and old, and that is what we really do best.

Jay Chalkman

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Training

by Brian Chapman

Well, as another course schedule comes to a successful close, it is time to get another one ready for the Winter-Spring Season. With that in mind, here is a list of the courses we have lined up:

Starting January 7th 2014 thru to January 21st 2014 our Boating Basics Course takes place.

Then starting January 28th 2014 thru to April 8 2014 our Boating Essentials is offered.

Our Marine Radio course starts February 27th 2014 thru to March 13th 2014.

We are also going to offer a Sailing Course starting January 28th 2014 to April 8th 2014 and an Electronic Navigation Course starting January 14th 2014 thru to February 11th 2014.

We are hoping that these electives appeal to all of you and interest you or maybe some of your friends. We sure would like to see you all again.

It would also be nice to see some of you at our Tuesday night classes to help proctoring.

In the meantime on behalf of my family and myself I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Regards

Brian Chapman

Visit our web site: www.langleysquadron.com

Pub Night

January 23, 2014 6:30 p.m

At Dublin Crossing Irish Pub, 18789 Fraser Highway, #101,
Surrey, BC V3S 7Y3

Phone: (604) 575-5470

<http://www.dublincrossing.com>

Come join the Langley Power & Sail Squadron for a fun evening at the Dublin Crossing. Catch up with your fellow boaters after the holidays.

The speaker is getting finalized so watch the website for updates:

<http://www.langleysquadron.com>

Our guest speaker will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp as live entertainment starts at 8:00 p.m. Please try arrive by 6:30 p.m.

For future events if you have a speaker or topic of interest please contact Jeff Adams 604-644-3259 or by e-mail leanne-jeff@shaw.ca.

Jeff Adams

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Welcome new Members

by Leanne Adams

Welcome to all new members of Langley Power & Sail Squadron, featured this month are **Roy Kelln** and **Barb Thornton**. LPS is happy to have you aboard the club and you have joined a great group of boaters. Don't take my word for it, come out to club events, as the knowledge from the classroom is supported by friends on the water. It is great to share experiences and recent repairs as the

near misses on the water separate boating from other hobbies.

If I have not yet met you, please contact me leanne-jeff@shaw.ca to get featured in an upcoming newsletter. I will also be looking for new members at the upcoming events posted in the newsletter.

Leanne Adams

Ahoy Matey!

Roy Kelln graduated from The Maritime Radio course that he took for legal reasons. Which is a great reminder that to operate a VHF Radio you must be certified. He has also completed Boating Basics and Seamanship. Roy plans to take the Navigating GPS Course.

Roy is also a member of the Semiahmoo Yacht Club and owns a 1981, 32 foot Bayliner Explorer called "5 O'clock". Roy has completed a propane system refit on the boat and his moorage is Blaine Harbour. Roy and Anita frequently boat the South Coast and San Juan Islands.

Roy is also interested in cars, and carpentry.

Welcome Roy and Anita it would be great to sea you on the water. New club cruises for 2014 are included in the newsletter.



Hot Toddy

Barb Thornton graduated from Basic Boating, her intention was to be more knowledgeable on the water. Since then she has completed the Maritime Radio course.

Barb and Ed have a 1969 - 37 foot Canoe Cove, Sedan Style that is moored in the home port of Fort Langley. They have recently updated the Chart Plotter. Areas Barb and Ed frequent are; the Fraser River, Pitt Lake and Desolation Sound. She has been boating for 12 years.

Pictured is the "Hot Toddy"

Hope to sea you January 23rd at the Langley Squadron Pub night!

Christmas Dinner

by Terry Watling



The CPS joint Christmas dinner on Nov. 23rd. at the Sunrise Golf Course with Langley, White Rock and Surdel power squadrons all attending, was a success.

About 58 members from all three squadrons celebrated the Christmas season together. With a nice Buffet dinner, cash bar and a DJ playing some great tunes for dancing.

It has been really nice over the past 7 years to get together with other squadrons. Seeing other members from other squadrons that you may not see all year.

Although this has been fun, The Squadrons attending feel the joint Christmas party has run its course and we should be looking for a change of venue next year.

With the cost of this night to our members in mind, we would like to change it up next year. We may do something on our own or with the other two squadrons.

Your bridge will be planning this over the next few months. So look for updates in the Datum Data and plan to attend. We would love to see our hard work pay off with many Langley members attending.

Thanks to Bob Stone and anyone else that has helped Bob put on this and the past years Christmas Dinners. This is not a small task but Bob has stepped up and done a great job for Langley CPS and we appreciate you Bob.

Historian, Instructor
Fellow boater

Terry Watling

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We Want and Need YOU!

CPS (and by extension, LPS) is a volunteer organization comprised of people from all walks of life that share a common ideal that having educated, knowledgeable boaters on the water is safer for all, and they will also enjoy their boating more.

While the public's first introduction to CPS is typically via a boating course, the local squadrons also have a wide variety of activities going on, and many LPS members are involved in such. The 'Bridge' –our board or council- is comprised of approx. 20 members; some with specific responsibilities (training/instruction, membership, newsletters, public relations, social activities, etc.) and some members 'at large' that are wishing to get involved, but would prefer to be available to just help out where needed (phone trees, assisting with activities, proctoring,

etc.). Time commitment can become what ever you choose to make it, but as we come up to the annual AGM/Change of Watch, the Bridge would like to encourage any members interested in becoming more active in the operation of LPS, to contact either Cmd. Jay, or any of the other Bridge Members to let them know; we'll find a place for you! Don't be shy -new faces with new perspectives and ideas are always welcomed and encouraged.

S/PRO, P/C
Shane Fawkes

Boats for Sale

Call Terry: 604 940-9291

or Darryl: 604 866-5111

Tanna III 41' Canoe Cove (1976)



Cool Change 24' Campion (1988)



News from the District

by Shirley Shea, DC



Season's Greeting to Langley Squadron from Pacific Mainland District

Your publications officer Ed Bolli asked would I mind giving a rundown on what is happening in your district at this time. Three issues are currently in the forefront:

First, our organization is going through a major overhaul as we now have to comply with the new Canadian legislation for not-for-profit organizations. The new compliance committee is working diligently to accommodate the compliance by stream lining the complete organization. Our membership will become one type of membership and the organization will basically be more open to all individuals participating and voting. There will be fewer directors elected by the membership. These directors in turn will be electing an Executive that will be leading the organization. There is major work to be done but we are in good hands with our National Law Officer Chuck Beale who has worked with and has access to colleagues dealing with not-for-profit complying. Of course there is much more to this than I can summarize but I would add we have no choice, the legislation takes effect in 2014. It is a massive task conforming to the new legislation in all aspects and we should be thankful for all the volunteers who have joined the task force, including Langley's very own Dave Peebles who spends many hours assisting in this endeavour.

Second, the age old problem of working together has come to the forefront at this time. People still do not know who CPS-ECP is. After

attending the marketing meeting in Toronto in October, I came home fired up again about the oneness and sameness of our identity. We have 21 squadrons in the Lower Mainland and North, and all seem to be advertising in 21 different ways. Is it any wonder people do not know who we are? The fact is that we are one organization, governed by our National Executive and that is why we indeed do have a National Law Officer to keep us legitimized and on the right track. I would hope that in the spirit of the season that we can now start striving to work harder at working together. We encourage the use of the National marketing color themes and logos. Vancouver squadron has now developed a generic road sign that can be used possibly by all to give an overall same look to the boating organization... using our new web address

www.boatingcourses.ca

which displays courses all across Canada. Please help unify our organization.

Third, a few squadrons have thankfully voiced their opposition to the shortened boating courses. Our surveys and study of demographics has determined indeed the younger people of the electronic age need faster and quicker fixes across the country. Think of what we have at our fingertips today, you can Google any topic you like and learn about it quickly. That is why we have the on-line version of Boating Basics. For those who find this too simplified, that is where our other advanced courses come in to play. We have always offered Seamanship to compliment the boating courses.

Seamanship is the best course we offer with more in-depth boating knowledge. Weather and Weather Fundamentals are also two of the most interesting courses we offer as well. For myself, I cannot imagine cruising our ocean without understanding the principles of weather forecasting. Believe me, once into these courses you will be so thankful. The other option of course is offering seminars topic specific but the real deal is better in my humble opinion.

Those are three of the areas of concern and issues we are facing and of course there are more. But let us commence with the Christmas spirit and I do wish you all a joyous holiday.

On behalf of District Executive Officer Dave Magnusson and myself, thank you for letting us visit your bridge meeting. It is worth its weight in gold for us to come out and see what is happening in your squadron and to retrieve feedback from your instructors and bridge members. Keep the communication open. Merry Christmas to you and yours and have a wonderful safe Christmas.

Best regards,

Shirley Shea

Shirley Shea, AP
District Commander
PACIFICMAINLANDDISTRICT

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LANGLEY POWER SQUADRON - 2014 CRUISE SCHEDULE

by Tami McFarlane



CRUISE #1: APRIL 26 & 27 – LADYSMITH MARITIME MARINA

New docks will be in and they can accommodate us. Potluck dinner, Saturday night. Maritime museum, antique shops.

Book early!

Tom (marina manager) 1-250-245-1146

CRUISE #2: MAY 17 thru 19 – ANCHORAGE – SALT SPRING ISLAND GANGES

Join the **anchor adventure** as we all raft together in the bay! For those not wanting to anchor, book your spot at the dock! Salt Spring has a great dinghy dock also!

Famous Market in the Park on Saturday, May 17th

Sunday Brunch at the Salt Spring Inn Sunday May 18th

Ganges Marina: 1-250-537-5242

CRUISE #3: JUNE 14 & 15 – BOAT FOR HOPE - ROYAL VAN / FALSE CREEK

Boats needed! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MqNa0b9_4g

A wonderful opportunity for all Power Squadron members to contribute their time and promote safe boating! Moorage, if needed, will be provided at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Friday and Saturday nights. Skippers Banquet at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Monday night, June 16th

Andrew Forshner (Variety Children's Charity): 604-268-3890

CRUISE #4: JUNE 28 thru JULY 1 – MILL BAY

What can we say... Mill Bay is GREAT... wine tour, pastry tour, fishing/prawning, barbeque, [Kinsol Trestle walking tour](#), fireworks!!! Free kayak and paddle board rentals. Anyone who didn't attend last year missed an absolutely fabulous time... so make sure you attend this year, as it's an amazing way to spend the July 1st long weekend!

Josh: 1-250-743-4303

CRUISE #5: INTEGRATED CRUISE - TBA

NEW MEMBER AND ALSO NEW TO BOATING? We can arrange a "crossing buddy" to help you navigate the Straight!

MAKE SURE TO BOOK MARINAS EARLY and make sure you let them know you're with the Langley Power Squadron! **Please also email me: Tami McFarlane tamimac2@hotmail.com – I need to know: number of people attending, telephone number, boat name, overall length, date in/out.**

SEE YOU ON THE WATER!