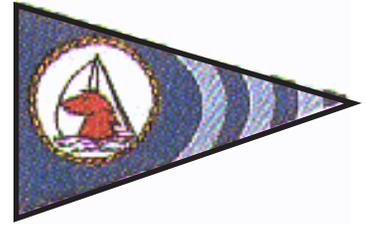


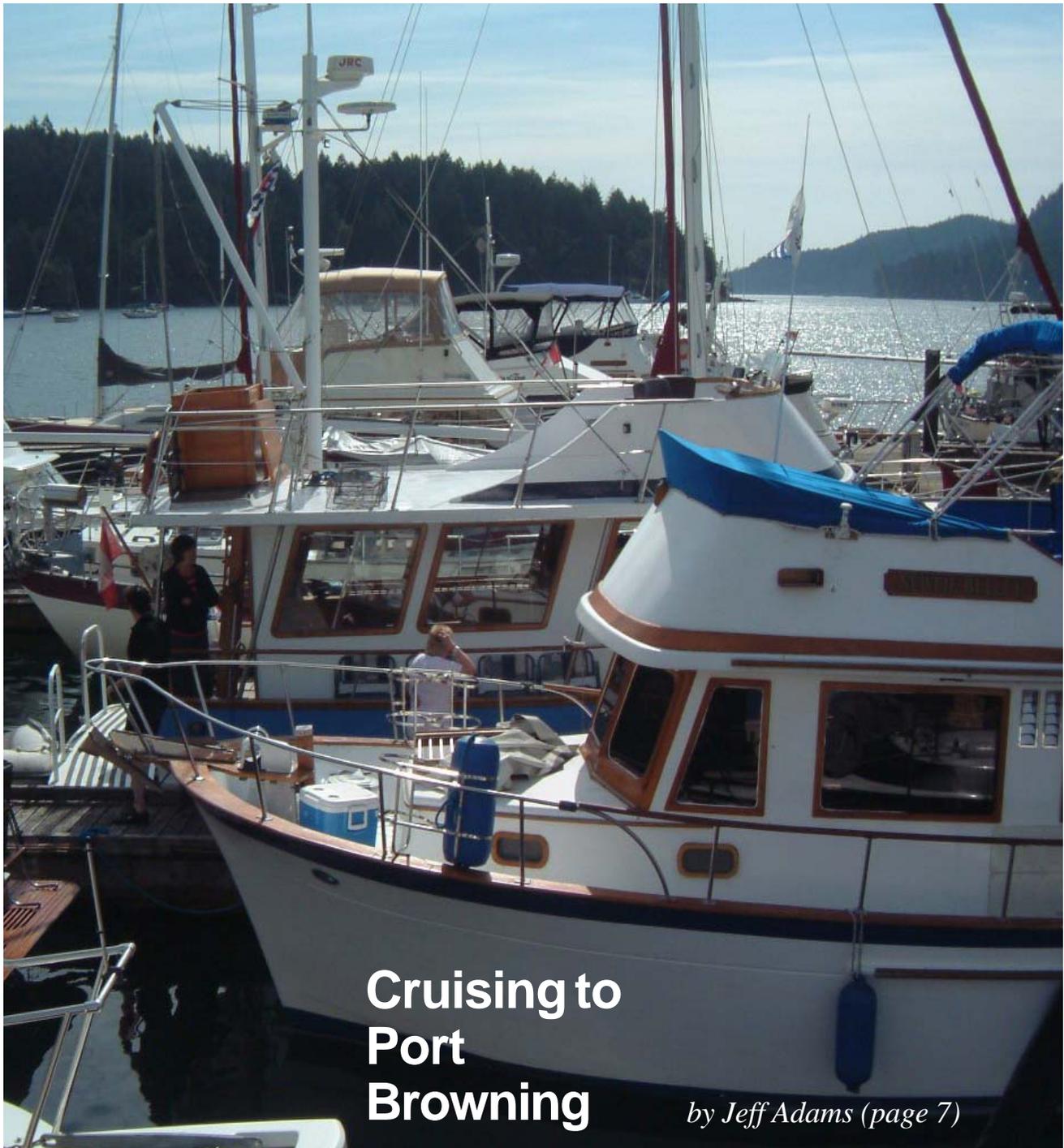
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Port
Browning**

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Commander

by Bob Stone



The summer has finally arrived after a long, long winter and I am sure that you are looking forward to many nice days on the water this summer. This past winter has been a difficult one for me personally, however it appears that all is in now under control and I am looking forward to the next year as the Commander.

This past year has been a busy year for the Squadron. There were a number of cruises and social events. The annual Christmas function was again held in conjunction with White Rock and Sur Del Squadrons. This was the second year we did this and are again planning on doing the same next year. The date is set for November 27, 2009, so please note this date and set it aside on your calendar.

Just as important were the boating courses that we put on during the past year. Though our class sizes were down, this allowed the instructors to provide quality time with the students.

Two of our Squadron members achieved personal milestones during the past year. Past Commander Jim Henderson was presented with the G. William Bowman Volunteer – Instructor of the Year Award for Western Canada. Another Past Commander of our Squadron – Dave Peebles completed his year as the District Commander for the Pacific Mainland District. Congratulations to both of these members.

Next year, it is Langley Squadron's time to host the Pacific Mainland District's Change of Watch. It will be held in May, 2010 and we have planned an exciting weekend ending with a dinner cruise out of Granville Island. You will hear more about this as the year goes on, please take note and I am sure for anyone who enjoys boating, this will be an enjoyable evening.

We recently held our Change of Watch and a list of the new Bridge is contained in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact any of us at anytime.

Look forward to seeing you, either on the water or at any of our social functions during the next year.

Commander Bob Stone

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Training

by Shane Fawkes

With the best of the boating weather now upon us, it's time to get out there and enjoy the water. The first few runs are always getting the 'bugs' out –of the boats and our boating. But it's also an opportunity to put into practice the skills and knowledge gained in from your CPS courses. It's the start of the season that we create our routine habits; good and bad, so take the time to make them good ones. If you haven't already done so, check 'dated' items; flares, CO₂ cartridges for PFDs, dry celled batteries, etc. How long since you've done a M.O.B. drill? These are all things that we can easily forget about when we're moving mountains to get out there to enjoy the season.

It was great seeing such a strong turn out at the Port Browning cruise. Thanks especially to Jeff & Leanne for organizing another great event. Lots of crab to eat, lots of laughs, and I'm glad that Jim finally agrees there's at least

one good reason to have a sail on a boat! Remember, the next cruise is the Xmas cruise at Ganges, June 26-28.

Remember to contact Jeff or Leanne to make sure they know your coming.

We received our annual PMD Propwash this week, and I noticed that they are including MMSI numbers in our listings. There were only a few numbers listed, and that should serve as a reminder for all members to make sure that their membership info is kept current with National.

Courses for the fall are already planned (see listing), so why not sign up for something? The Seamanship course has taken the place of the old Piloting Course, and there are other



offerings as well. Remember, we always welcome members out for Monday night Boating Course; come review and/or stick around an proctor. It's another great way to review.

Boating Graduation

by Shane Fawkes

Our recent Boating Course Grad social was held at the Murrayville Pub on May 20th. Although small, a good time –with lots of banter– was had by all. Part of these nights is to make sure the grads recognize that their involvement with CPS doesn't need to end with the completion of 'the course', and we welcome seeing you out at other LPS events & activities.



Upcoming events

- June 26 to 28** **Cruise to Ganges Marina**, Saltspring Island,
Theme: Christmas in June
- July 17 to 19** **Cruise to Union Steamship Marina**, Bowen Island,
Theme: To be announced, watch the website for updates
at <http://www3.telus.net>

Note: You must contact the marina at least 2 weeks in advance and book your space on your credit card. Let them know that you are with the Langley Power Squadron. Also let us know, so we can confirm who is attending. Also cottages available for rent, call 604 947-0707.

- Aug 14 to 16** **Cruise to Otter Bay**, Past Commanders will put on a pancake
breakfast, wine and cheese on the afternoon of the 15th.

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

Personal Profile

by Bob Stone

I am requesting that each of you take the time to visit the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's National Website and in particular pay attention to your personal profile. This Site will now allow you to make changes and add such items as a new address, telephone number, boat name and MMSI number,

etc. Please remember that we now use this site to supply Pacific Yachting with your address so if you want to continue receiving this magazine, it is your responsibility to ensure your personal data is up to date.

Radio Licenses

by Bob Stone

It has come to our attention the authorities patrolling the waters of Canada's West Coast during the upcoming summer will be checking boats and in particular paying attention to those, not only with the appropriate radio license, but ensuring you have it

with you at the time. We have been advised they will be fining those without the appropriate documents on board.

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Terry Watling

Lifetime Membership Award



Congratulations Terry! I always thought you had to be old to receive the gold membership card, but Terry proved me wrong. He started proctoring as soon as he finished his Basic Boating Course. Soon after he started teaching and still does today. He took his turn on various Bridge positions including Training Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. He's also holding an Asst. Training position with the PMD.

I had many enjoyable trips on Terry's boats including a couple of interesting night trips (Pender Harbour and Ganges). So, knowing Terry and the energy he brought to Langley Power and Sail Squadron, I don't think there is anyone more deserving of this honour than Terry.

Ed Bolli

Terry was an Instructor when Jackie and I took the Boating Course but we were not in Terry's class. I didn't get to know Terry until we went on our first cruise. As is still the tradition the first cruise of the year was to Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island.

It was our first time to cross the Straight so we followed John Hubbard

and his family across on Friday night. It was a good thing we went on Friday night because the wind came up over night and the Straight got really rough. The first boat to come in on Saturday morning was Paul Giffin in "Beka". Beka is a 41 foot SeaRay Aft-cabin. The bridge on Beka is about 8 feet off the water and Paul was really wet and not having a good time. Paul sold Beka shortly after that. The next boat in was a friend of Terry's, Al Witters. Al's boat was a 25 foot Sunbridge and he and his family were soaked. Al sold his boat shortly after that also. Right behind Al came Terry in "Cool Change". Cool Change is a 25 foot Campion Sunbridge and Terry was completely soaked. The only difference between Terry and the others was Terry was grinning from ear to ear. He was having a great time. Although in the fourteen years I've known Terry I don't think I have ever seen him cross the Straight in the morning again.

Dave Peebles

20 Years !!!! to a man that pushes navigation to the limit. YIKES! They will give 20 Year merit marks to anybody nowadays.

Well congratulations Terry Watling.

It was Langley Squadron's good luck that you joined us 20 years ago. And you've helped so many people since then; as an instructor and proctor for our students, a great participant in our cruises as well as our fearless commander. You've also helped fellow boaters find their way out of Porlier Pass when they were lost and called you on the VHF instead of remembering what we learned in class.

And who will forget the wonderful stories of your adventures such as the weekend during an opening for salmon fishing and you had to dodge 20 fishnets just to get out of the mouth of the Fraser River. Then you managed to beach the "Cool Change" off Galiano Island and your first mate had to set anchor at 2:00 am. The same weekend heading home in Active Pass, in a flood tide following a BC ferry, the boat listed on a 45 degree angle and the engine cut out. And this is just one weekend of many.

Your contributions continue as you serve on District as training officer. All in all, you've definitely earned it!

Congratulations Terry

Your friend Darryl

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Cruising

by Jeff Adams



Easter in Thetis.

April 9th is the earliest Jeff & I have crossed the Straight in our 26 Tollycraft. We left Thursday late afternoon to a beautiful crossing. We followed a pocket of sunshine and ventured through the cut to Telegraph Harbour. Note: The cut should be done at very high tide and it is a good idea to call ahead to the marina to see if anything has changed over the winter.

The rest of the weekend was very windy Saturday & Sunday were Gale Force Warnings which caused us to change our plans and leave on Monday. Fabulous idea because early Monday was another great trip

Sixteen people came out to the cruise, which hosted our first ever outdoor movie nights. The first night was ladies choice with *The Lake house*. The outdoor gazebo and a bed sheet

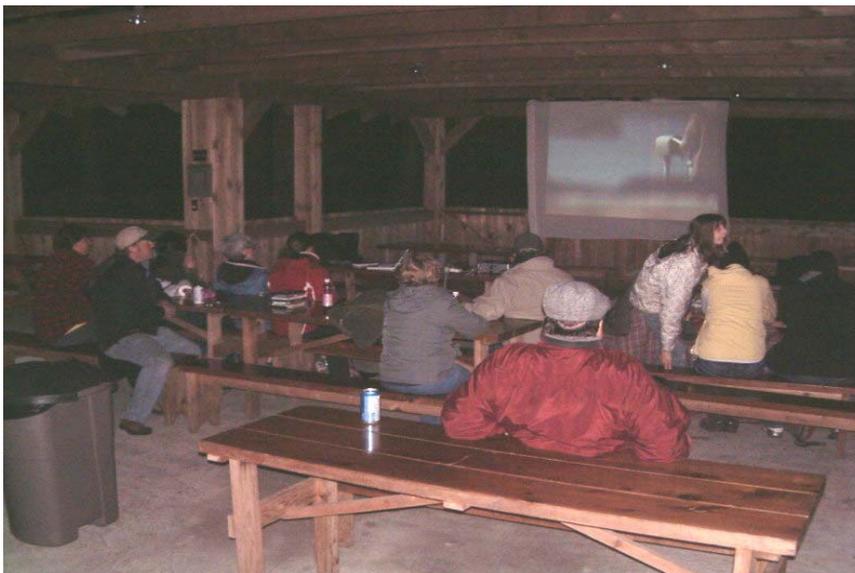
makes a great movie theatre thanks to Jim & Shane. Saturday was Easter dinner! An incredible potluck & barbeque completed with Easter candy it was delicious. The barbeque was a nice heater when we watched *Wallace and Grommet* (kids choice) later that night.

Sunday was indoor weather so 10 of us gathered in the Macgregor 26's cockpit and told stories.

A fun weekend.

Aside note: My apologies to one boat that is new to Power Squadron Cruises, who I missed arriving at the dock. As the registrar of the cruise I was the only one who knew the boat name and our boat was situated so that I did not see it on the dock. I kept waiting to see you come in, when in fact you had already arrived. Sorry, we hope to see you again!

Leanne & Jeff Adams



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May Long Weekend in Port Browning

Thirty four people participated in the Crab fest weekend. The sun was shining and it was beautiful. The days were spent walking to town, about a 10 minute walk with a full size grocery store with boutique shops and checking the crab traps. In total there were about 60 crabs - good job!

One Fish, Two Fish in downtown Langley on the Fraser Hwy was kind enough to donate a cooler full of bait



with James Bond 007 on Saturday and on Sunday was on the back of Terry's boat with Charlie Wilson's War.

Good times...

See you in Ganges!!

Leanne & Jeff Adams (cruises)

for everyone to use in the traps. A couple of boats went scuba diving and fishing in the days as well. And one afternoon we had a bocce tournament on the grass field.

The marina is getting some renovations and while the showers were closed, the marina is showing improvements.

Saturday evening was appetizers on the dock and Sunday evening was the big crab feast. With Jim and Shane's help movies were projected onto the sails of Shane's boat for men's choice



2009/2010 Courses

INTRO BOATING COURSES

BOATPRO prepares you for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. The best of the PCOC seminars available, this highly acclaimed seminar was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard.

The **BOATING COURSE** provides in depth boat operation and safety training. As well, you will experience the challenge of plotting and navigation.

Successful completion of the accredited examination (midterm) will allow you to receive your **Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)**. Passing the final exam allows you the opportunity to join CPS (Canada's largest association of recreational boating enthusiasts) and receive the benefits of membership.

ADVANCED COURSES

SEAMANSHIP builds on some of the techniques introduced in the Boating Course. It uses traditional navigation, GPS fixes, Way Points, along with the introduction of Deviation.

This course offers: interpretation of charts, the DR plot, bearings, fixes, running fixes, and Collision Regulations. Seamanship, explains the skills needed to understand the hazards of weather, wind, waves, tides, and tidal currents and how to deal with them.

When unforeseen circumstances arise such as man-overboard, and medical emergencies the seamanship course counsels the student, as to where and how to acquire the skills to deal with potentially lifethreatening situations, and of course you can "learn the ropes", from knots, hitches, bends, and splices.

Fall Courses		
Dates	Time	Course
Sept. 14–Dec. 14	7–10pm	Boating
Sept. 17–Nov.19	7–10pm	Seamanship
Oct. 5–26	7–10pm	BoatPro
Oct. 29–Nov.12	7–10pm	Maritime Radio
Winter Courses		
Jan. 11–April 12	7–10pm	Boating
Jan. 21–Feb. 4	7–10pm	RADAR
Feb. 1–15	7–10pm	BoatPro
Feb. 11–25	7–10pm	Electronic Charting
Mar. 4–25	7–10pm	Maritime Radio

HOW TO REGISTER

You can register 2 ways:

either by contacting our registrar at 604-533-2831,

or online at: www.cps-ecp.ca

All courses are taught at Brookwood Secondary

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ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

ELECTRONIC CHARTING.

Learn about the different kinds of electronic charting, how they were developed, their advantages and disadvantages, and how to use them in a practical manner. Get the latest information about connecting your GPS to a laptop, desktop, PDA or tablet computer, and the use of navigational programs for computers. You get practical knowledge by using an electronic charting program that is included on the accompanying CD with over 200 electronic charts.

RADAR.

This course covers the different types of RADAR equipment, including their capabilities and limitations. Understand the available features and how they apply to your needs. Learn to navigate using RADAR, and to determine where you are.

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 is the law! The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures, as well as 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.

