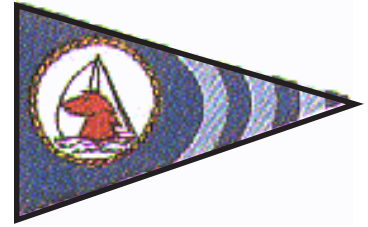


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Desolation Sound 2012

by Tami McFarlane

The Langley Power Squadron had another annual cruise to Nanaimo for the July long weekend. We all docked at Nanaimo Port Authority, showing off our Canada Day decorated boats!

After this weekend a group consisting of 11 boats, 27 people and

7 dogs continued on for a trip up to desolation sound.

The journey started with a short trip across to Newcastle Island as we had to wait for poor weather conditions to subside.

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Commander

by Jay Chalkman



The fall courses are well under way and our instructors are doing an outstanding job as usual. Brian Chapman, Training Officer extraordinaire, is busy getting the winter courses lined up. I know I am looking forward to taking the Radar Course that is starting in January. I need to know how to operate our new radar unit before the cruising season starts. Besides, who likes wandering around in the fog or is it in a fog?

Changes are starting to happen in CPS. These changes are happening at the national and local levels. The number of people taking CPS boating courses is declining. Membership in the organization is also declining. As this number

decreases, it is time for CPS to look at itself and adjust to the changes that are happening. I know that at a national level surveys are being done to identify what consumers want and how can CPS change to meet their needs. CPS, for me, does not represent just a boating course, but a high quality product that inspires continued shared learning, a commitment to safe boating and respect for marine environment.

Yet CPS membership is also much more. It is an organization that builds lasting friendships through common experiences with other members. It is the dockside stories of crossing the Strait, stories of seeing a pod of killer whales close to the boat and sharing information about the latest marine technology. It is also the knowledge that other members are looking out for one another during a squadron cruise. It is also the enjoyment of a pot luck and appies on the dock on a warm summer evening somewhere on the coast.

Through CPS, we have gained many new friends. It is the warm smiles that greet us at the dock when we arrive for a squadron cruise. It is the G&T that is handed to my wife, Hilary, after a rough crossing. These are the things that money can't buy. CPS is safe boating and boating courses, but it really is much, much more.

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Training

by *Brian Chapman*

Now that our fall courses are about winding down it is time to put our attention to the Winter Spring line-up of courses. With the new schedule the main Boating course has changed to a modular unit and has been broken down into two pieces, the first requires the **Basic Boating** course first Starting January 8 2013 . Then to the main course, **Boating Essentials** which goes into charting and plotting, electronic charting, and more in depth safety instruction and it will start January 29 2013.

Also this term we will have a **Radar** course starting January 15 2013 and will run for three weeks.

Then starting February 5 2013 the **Marine Maintenance** course is back and will run for nine nights.

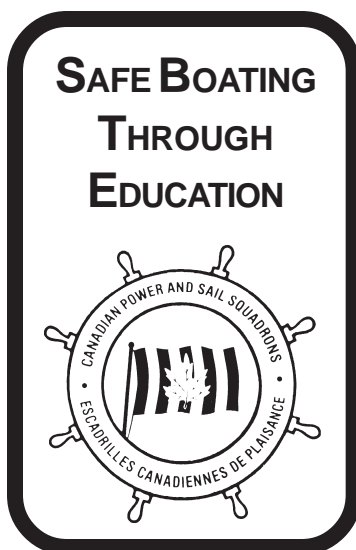
Starting February 28 2013 the **Marine Radio** course will start and run three nights.

And finally for the new boater we are offering **Boating Basic** one more time this spring starting February 28 2013 and will run three nights.

If there are any other courses anyone would like to see and be a part of please get in touch with any Bridge Member and let us know as we are always striving to improve the Squadrons needs.

Brian Chapman

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Schedule of events for Pacific Mainland District

November 11	Port Moody Remembrance Day	Belcarra Regional Park
November 15	White Rock Education Night BC Cetacean Sightings	Elgin Hall - Crescent Road
November 17	Seymour Christmas Party	Deep Cove Yacht Club
November 19	Vancouver - Sequitur & Beyond Michael Walsh around the Horn	False Creek Yacht Club
November 24	Tri Squadron Christmas Party White Rock, Langley and SurDel	Sunrise Center
November 30	Valley Christmas Party	Yarrow Community Hall

For further information regarding events in squadrons above visit appropriate squadron websites.

Christmas Banquet

Join us at our annual Tri-Squadron Christmas Banquet

Sat. Nov. 24, 2012. 1800hrs

Sunrise Banquet Centre \$50.00 p/p

Please contact Bob Stone (either bbbandkc@telus.net or 604- 220-3635) to get your tickets

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Desolation Sound 2012

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Then early the next morning we all had a great trip up to Gorge Harbour marina for an overnight stop.

The next adventure consisted of a journey to the Octopus Islands via Beazley Passage and Surge narrows. Terry gave us all a great demonstration

on how the passages are so tide dependant. He decided to go through about ten minutes early and showed us that even his experience and great powered canoe cove, it was a struggle. We all waited back for about another ten minutes and then continued on.



Once we arrived at the Octopus Island Marine Park we attempted our first rafting of the trip. Three anchors out and three stern ties held us good and sturdy!

While we were here we did lots of adventuring to Squirrel Cove, Refuge Cove, and also a little abandoned sign cabin!

The guys decided this would be a great time to do some zinc checking (or should I say scuba diving) and realized that some zincs needed replacing! Brian was able to do a zinc run for us and we were able to complete our maintenance!

After a few days, we headed off to Prideaux Haven (Melanie Cove) via Hole In The Wall. (This is another long tide dependant pass, we went through). Here

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we enjoyed lots of swimming and prawning.

The final destination was Pender Harbour (Madeira Park). This is always such a great harbour to do lots of dinghy adventuring in.

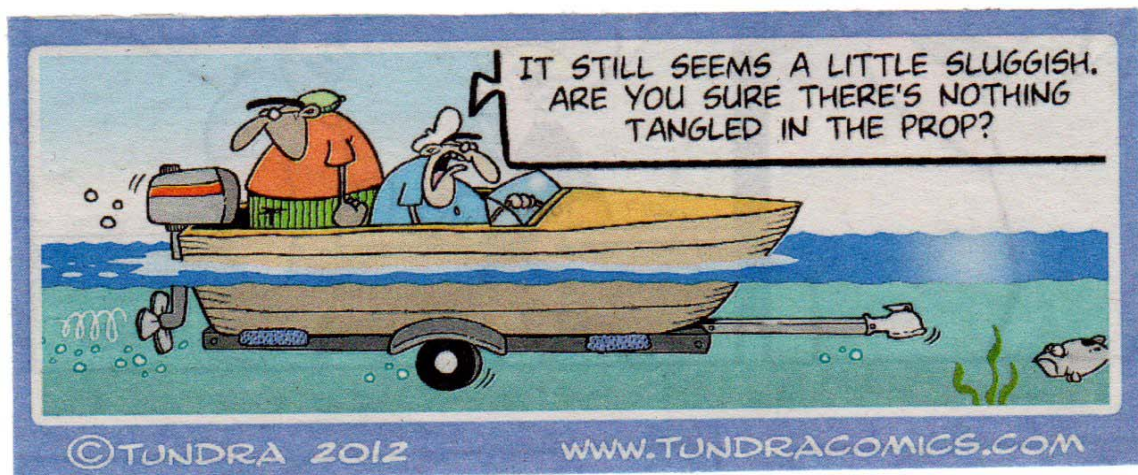
Desolation 2012 was a wonderful trip with superb weather and a great group of people!



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Thank you Langley Power Squadron! Tami McFarlane



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Save the date

Cruise schedule 2012

by Jeff & Leanne Adams

Contact Jeff & Leanne with your suggestions of more cruises in 2013 - Interested in planning a cruise? - let us know we are looking for new ideas and need volunteers!

Date: April 26-28 (Friday to Sunday)

Location: Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island

T: 250-246-9511 **VHF** 66A <http://www.telegraphharbour.com>

Thetis Island is a traditional start for the Langley Squadron. There are nice facilities and Chemanius is a quick ferry ride for a day trip. Saturday evening is a potluck dinner and a BBQ. There is a central barbeque, so bring you own meat to cook and something to share for the potluck.

Date: May 17-20 (Friday to Victoria Day - Monday)

Location: Port Browning, Pender Island

T: 250-629-3493 <http://www.portbrowning.com>

Last five years LPS have had a major crab feed with leftovers to take home. This year we hope to do the same so bring your traps, and bait. Saturday –Potluck dinner, Sunday Potluck Appetizer with Crab Feed. If weather permits we will have games on the field. Bellingham Squadron will hopefully join us again this year as a cooperative cruise.

Date: June 7-9 (Friday to Sunday)

Location: To be confirmed –

Considering Bowen Island or an Anchorage at Science World in False Creek. Keep the dates free as we finalize the destination.

Date: June 28 – July 1st (Friday - Monday)

Location: Mill Bay

Canada Day celebrations. We will publish details closer to the time.

Call the marina to book your space, and copy us on your reservation!

REMEMBER TO BOOK EARLY AS THIS WILL BE A BUSY SPOT - YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL. JUST CONFIRM WITH THE MARINA THEIR CANCELLATION POLICY

Date: August TBA (Friday to Sunday)

Theme: Squadron Integrated Cruise

Location: Port Browning, Pender Island **T:** 250-629-3493 <http://www.portbrowning.com>

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