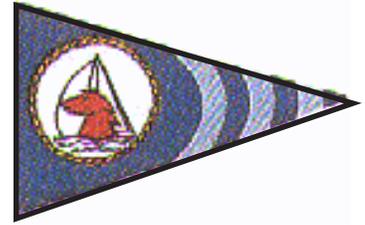


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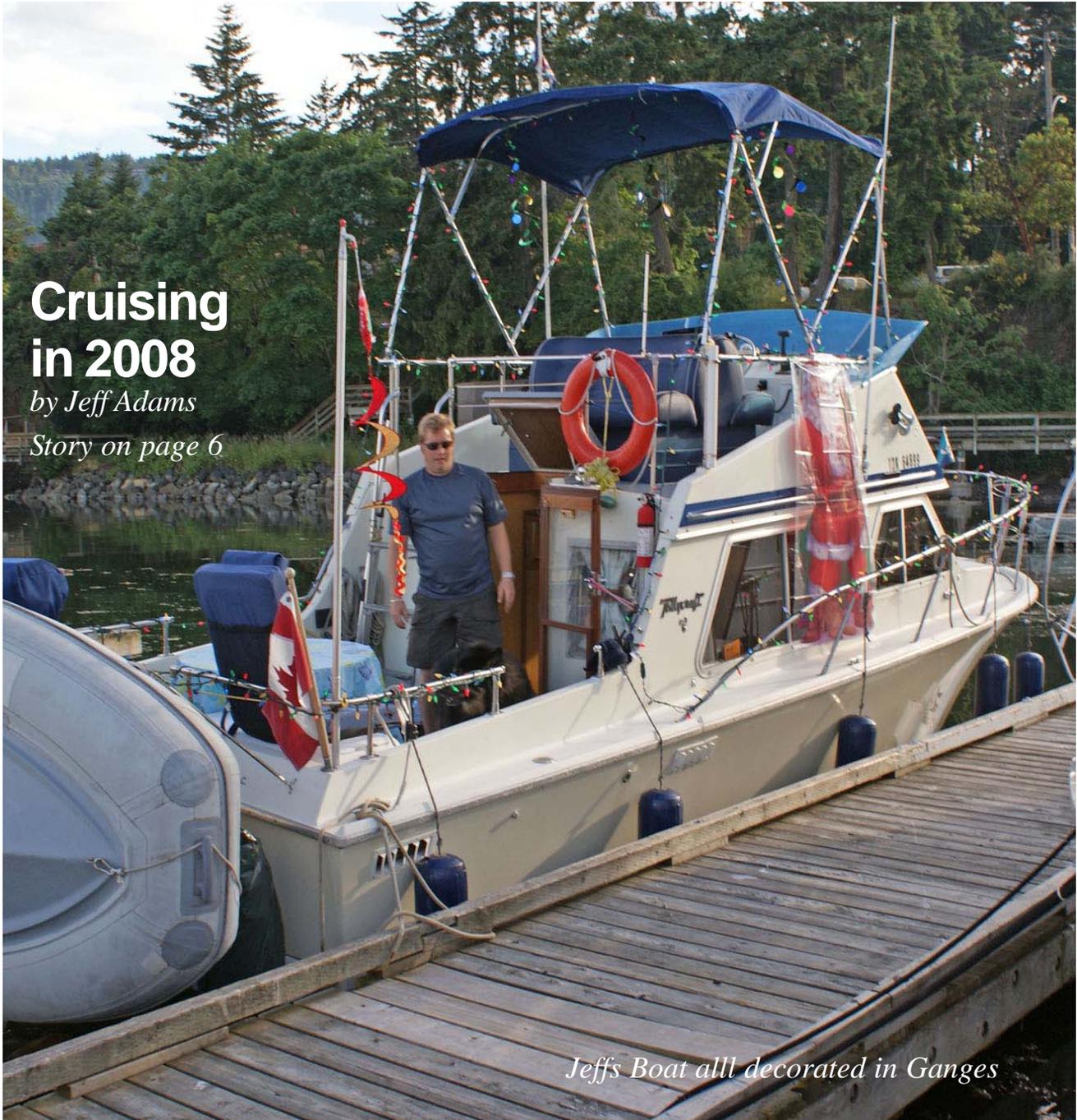
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by Jeff Adams

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Jeffs Boat all decorated in Ganges

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Commander

by Bob Stone



First I want to say “thank you” for giving me the pleasure of being your Commander for the upcoming year. I have a lot to learn. I want to say “thank you” to Past Commanders for their advice and guidance.

The new Bridge is in place and a list can be viewed on our web site.

Another boating season has come and gone. This was a successful season with an increase to the number of boats attending the four cruises. It started with snow at Telegraph Harbour in the Spring and ended with a very successful cruise at Otter Bay. I would like to thank all those who attended and particularly Jeff and Leanne Adams for their efforts in making this a successful boating year.

This year one of our own, Dave Peebles, was pledged as the Commander for the Pacific Mainland District (PMD). It was certainly a proud time for Dave and his family and on behalf of all Langley Squadron members, I would like to congratulate him. As well, Terry Watling and Jim Henderson hold Bridge positions with PMD. The Langley Squadron has excellent representation when decisions are being made that will affect boating in this area.

Our training department completed last year with a very successful training schedule, and again this year we have an ambitious schedule ahead of us. Classes are held every Monday evening at Brookwood School and I would invite all who are interested in attending and providing assistance with the new students.

Like all other organizations today, it is important we stay on top of our financial picture. Our Treasurer reported that we stayed within the budget last year and look to do the same this year as well.

I want to thank all those who provided their time at the Langley COSTCO again this year to represent our Squadron for Safety Week.

The Christmas party is scheduled for November 28th at Sunrise. Like last year we will be joined by both White Rock and Sur Del Squadrons. It was an excellent time last year and am sure it will be again this year. Candace and I look forward to seeing a number of you there to start the festive season with your other boaters.

Bob Stone

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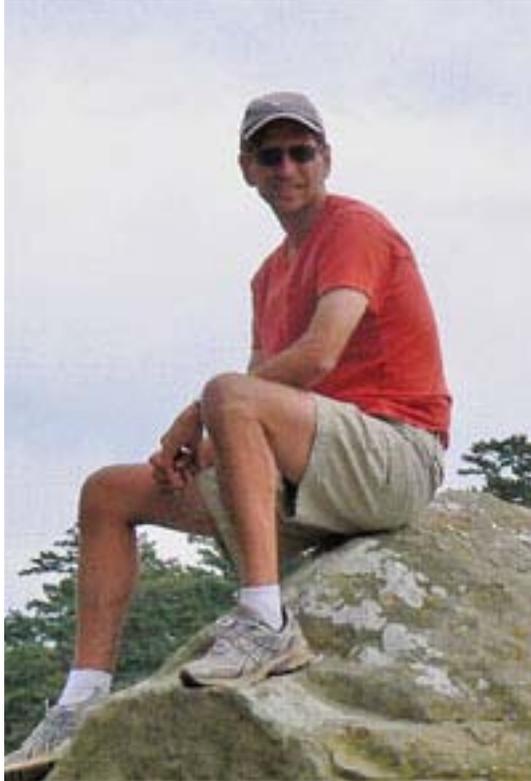
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Training

by *Shane Fawkes*



Down at Sucia this summer, we were in shallow water on a low tide when we awoke to this sight in behind us. I couldn't help thinking this poor fellow down at Sucia could have benefited from taking the Boating course.



With the summer boating season now behind us, classes are back in session. Thirty one students are enrolled in the Boating Course this fall, with ten more signing up for the Boat Pro course. While all members should have their PCOC cards, you may have children, friends or neighbours that don't. Beginning Sept. 09, any operator of any motor equipped vessel is required to have a PCOC card, regardless of age. So spread the word, and also inform people of our courses through which they can obtain their card.

Speaking of courses, we are offering 2 three week elective courses this fall.

VHF Radio —If you've recently replaced, or are thinking of replacing that older VHF radio with one of the newer DSC radios, the VHF course includes a module on DSC that may be of interest to you. Remember your ROC(M) is assigned to the individual, not the boat, so now may also be a good time for your XO to consider taking the course.

RADAR —It's that time of year, and fall/full year boaters are beginning to deal with the extra challenges of fog and early darkness. Now would be a good time to learn more about using that RADAR unit on board, why not sign up and make sure you're taking advantage of what that piece of hardware can do?

I'd also like to take a moment to thank everyone that makes the courses happen; the instructors, the registrars, and the proctors, who all volunteer their time to bring the CPS motto 'promoting safe boating' to life. I can only speak from my personal experience, but I feel I'm getting more out of boating by being involved in LPS. So if you've got some time free on Monday nights, why not come out and help? Don't worry if it's been a while and things are a little rusty; besides, as a member you're also always welcome to come in to the back of the class and audit it. In fact, that's a great way to review.

Safe boating,
Shane Fawkes

Upcoming events

October 15	Bridge Meeting at Brookwood Secondary School
November 12	Bridge Meeting at Brookwood Secondary School
November 28	Christmas Party at Sunrise Center, 5640 188th St., Surrey

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

Membership

by Bob Stone

There have been many questions on the current membership of the Squadron. One of the major changes in the past couple of years is the fact that all students who are successful after taking the "Boating Course" are considered members of the Squadron. They are given a one year grace and then must pay their annual fees to maintain their status.

There is a computerized national system that maintains membership in all Squadrons across Canada. This Squadron currently has 261 members. They are broken into the a number of categories. We have one Life Member, who is a someone who put in at least 20 hours of service each year for twenty years.

I invite anyone who is interested in visiting the National Canadian Power and Sail Squadron website to learn more about the organization. (www.cps-ecp.ca)

Pacific Yachting:

Each regular member of the Squadron is entitled to six copies of this magazine when their dues are up to date. I know some members have not been receiving their magazines, so I recently did a review of the Pacific Yachting mailing list and found there was a large number of members who have not been receiving their copy of the magazine.

This was brought to the attention of Pacific Mainland District (PMD) who have been working with Pacific Yachting to develop a more efficient method of determining who should receive a copy of this magazine.

In order to determine who should receive the magazine in the future, PMD will now be using an automated system using the information on the National data base.

I would ask that any Regular member who have not received their magazine by the end of January 2009 to please contact Bob Stone at 604 220 3635 or by e-mail at bbbndkc@telus.net.

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Booth at Costco

by Ed Bolli

This year again we were able to have an information booth at Costco for Safety Week. The response was spotty, but we made people aware of who we are and what we do. So it was a success.

Thanks to all who spent time in the booth. It is important to be seen in the community, and we have to take advantage of these opportunities. Thanks also to Costco for including us in their Safety Week

Ed Bolli



Join us for our

Christmas Party

This Year again we will celebrate together with Sur Del and White Rock Squadrons.

The Dinner and Dance will be held on

November 28th 2008 at the Sunrise Center, 5640 188th St., Surrey at 1900 hrs

The cost per person will be \$ 45.00

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 for information please contact Bob or Candy Stone

at 604 882-1048

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Cruising in 2008

by Jeff Adams

As cruise masters, we would first like to thank everyone who attended the cruises. We were fortunate to have lots of “first timers” raising the attendance to season high of 16 boats!

The first cruise was to Thetis Island. This is a traditional cruise, and if you miss it (like we did) you missed an outstanding location, and a great time.



BBQ at Thetis



Port Browning was a “drop your trap and get some crab” event, thanks to all the participants who scored a total of 65 crabs. Unfortunately the fisherman on the dock didn’t read the itinerary as he sat lonely for hours trying to sell crab at \$10.00 each. What happens on the cruises stays on the cruises - so we won’t name the Aerial Boater who flipped his dinghy losing the 66th crab. The great lawns of Port Browning held a Bocce tournament and the potluck was outstanding. We may need to start a Power Squadron cook book, as there are some great chefs in the crowd.

Saltspring Island is “Christmas in



Crab Master Brian



Bocce Tournament

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Ganges” - thank you to Bob & Candace who arranged the turkey, stuffing and gravy. Everyone brought a vegetable dish and the dinner was fantastic. The boats were decorated for the holidays and two outstanding boats were The Sanches Family in 1st place and The Peebles in second place - congratulations.

Otter Bay is newly renovated and was an ideal location. All season we sold 50/50 tickets and part of the proceeds went to a local (Pender Island) winery who hosted a wine tasting at the marina. Sponsors donated prizes like Industrial Plastics (boat brush), Ocean Yacht Equipment (Drink coolers and a fleece jacket), Otter Bay Marina (two nights



At the dock in Ganges



free moorage)Morning Bay Winery (two bottles of wine) and Well Seasoned Gourmet Food Store in Langley (cooking class for two) please support these sponsors when you can. 7 out of 10 boats took home a prize! Again cruise rules prevent us from naming names, but the adults in the pool were thankful for the fence when a few scooters were rented!?! Finally one event does make a tradition as the first, past commander’s breakfast, was a success. They cooked an outstanding breakfast including fresh blueberry sauce, pancakes and sausages - Yum.

Thank you to the outstanding volunteers, the enthusiastic boaters and mother nature - that made these cruises

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simply fun! We welcome your ideas for locations, themes and events that would encourage you to come spend your weekend with the Langley Power Squadron.

Please call **604-881-2220** or e-mail **leanne-jeff@shaw.ca** your ideas for next year.

Jeff & Leanne

See you at our cruises next year!!



The Bridge of the Langley Power and Sail Squadron would like to wish you all

a very happy Holiday Season

Cdr Bob Stone, Exec. Officer Jim Henderson

Shane Fawkes, Michele Merkel, Rod Snazel, Jeff Adams, Davryl Day, Candace Stone, Ed Bolli, Gordon Anderson, Marolyn Anderson, Warren Merkel, Terry Brunner, Leanne Adams, Jackie Peebles, Inge Snazel