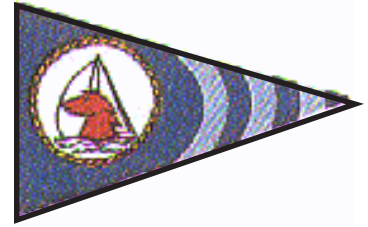


Langley Power & Sail Squadron

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## What a Raft!

*Largest raft in Squadron history: 17 boats in Montague Harbour*



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## Commander

by Jeff Adams



What a fantastic summer of boating! Leanne and I have been able to enjoy a few trips this year on our boat Tollydaze. We even made it to Bowen Island for the PMD cruise. Langley dominated in attendance and it was not only smoking hot but a great time. I hope you have spent time in the many lakes, rivers and surrounding ocean and that all your adventures have been safe and fun.

Langley Power and Sail Squadron is a vibrant club filled with great people. The past and current bridge members, as well as our excellent instructors are the foundation of the club and their passion makes Langley an outstanding squadron. Please extend a big Welcome, to the two newest bridge members Chris Breuer and Rowan Davison to the Member-At-Large positions, we are excited to have their contributions to the executive.

Len Murphy is now leading the training, and along with Brian Chapman have done a terrific job of organizing the fall class schedule and courses. They are already planning the Spring classes so if you are interested in a course send them an e-mail.

Joy and Ron Ruffeski are a silent force booking all the registrants for the classes and attending the classes every week. In the over 8 years I have been a member they continue to make this happen. A special thanks to this dynamic duo!

I encourage members to volunteer on the bridge, or participate in the Fall and Winter classes. Every position could use extra hands, for example: planning a social event, joining the phone committee, marking homework (proctoring) on Tuesday, class night, or volunteering at tradeshow (Vancouver and Abbotsford). As a Member-At-Large there is no set responsibility, so you can contribute as your schedule permits. By attending the Bridge Meeting it allows you to better understand how and where you can help your squadron and fellow members. If you are interested please contact me 604-644-3259.

Thanks Tami McFarlane and Sharon Bossons for an excellent cruise season to Thetis Island, Roche Harbor, Mill Bay and Montague Harbor. Please see their article in the newsletter and keep an eye out for our upcoming cruises. You must attend these events, as highlights for me were making figures from Hubba Bubba bubble gum, the wine tasting from brown paper bags, dancing the night away, rafting to 16 other boats and squishing our entire group (over 35) into a bus singing and playing instruments. Yes these are "inside jokes" but we would welcome you into next year's events so you too can reminisce.

We have four of our bridge members that can perform a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check. They are certified for safety checks on pleasure crafts, which is a free service. They are as follows Leanne Adams 604-805-6101 Jeff Adams 604-644-3259 Jim Henderson 604-308-1544 and Derek Smith 778-938-2879. We also have two very interesting video's on loan to us: Cold Water Boot Camp and Beyond Cold Water Boot Camp. If anyone would like to borrow them please let me know.

I would like to extend a very big thank you to our teachers Jim Henderson, Terry Watling, Bill Woodall and Shane Fawkes. Without these people we would be unable to run our classes. They put in countless hours and are volunteers. Way to go guys and thank you for your time.

Socials Officer Leanne Adams has also planned some fall events please read her article to see what is upcoming. We are doing our Christmas Party at the Fraser Downs Race Track again this year. Pre-registration is required by October 20<sup>th</sup> The Party is on November 20<sup>th</sup> see our web

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### *Commanders report contd.*

page for all the details or call me at 604-644-3259. Currently there are 50 LPSS members booked so you know it will be a fun time.

While I have and continue to enjoy my time as commander my term is ending as of May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. We have, in my opinion, the best squadron and bridge in Pacific Mainland Division. This is not because of one person but all of us. I am urging someone to step into the XO chair this month so that they may shadow me and become Commander In May 2016 ( I believe this would make the job easier for the person taking this roll on). As the new commander you will have a great support team, as most of our past commanders are still serving on our bridge. You would have Jay Chalkman, Shane Fawkes, Jim Henderson, Terry Wattling, Darrel Day sorry if I missed anyone as well as a past District and Langley Commander David Peebles.

I hope everyone has had a great boating season and if I don't see you on the water, then I hope to see you at the classes or upcoming events.

*Jeff Adams*

## Langley Squadron Past Commanders

HUBBARD, Bob	1960-61	REED, William	1982-83
FULLER, Pete	1961-62	SILCOX, Ron	1983-84
GOBLE, Len	1962-63	LUMMIS, Luke	1984-85
GIBSON, Mickey	1963-64	KENNEDY, Dave	1985-87
GILHAM, Raymond	1964-65	BUCHANAN, John	1987-88
RYAN, Jim	1965-66	PETTIRSCH, Peter	1988-90
BUCK, Rick	1966-67	METCALF, William	1990-92
ROBERTSON, Tom	1967-68	McCOMBIE, Andrew	1992-93
BROWN, Al	1968-69	DAY, Darryl	1993-95
WAGNER, Ron	1969-70	CROSSEN, Wayne	1995-96
SMITH, Ken	1970-71	ARMITSTEAD, Fred	1996-97
SHARKEY, Ron	1971-72	HUBBARD, John	1997-99
OWEN, Ross	1972-73	GILLIS, Dave	1999-00
MARTIN, Robert	1973-74	WESTERTERP, Cathie	2000-01
HUTCHINSON, Larry	1974-75	PEEBLES, Dave	2001-03
WATTS, Clair	1975-77	LEVINKSY, Larry	2003-04
PATTERSON, Lynn	1977-78	WATLING, TERRY	2004-06
HANSEN, Just	1978-79	HENDERSON, Jim	2006-08
LUMMIS, Luke	1979-80	STONE, Bob	2008-10
HANSEN, Annie	1980-81	FAWKES, Shane	2010-12
MELZER, Roberta	1981-82	CHALKMAN, Jay	2012-14

## Langley Squadron Lifetime Members

William Grose	2004
Terry Watling	2009
Ed Bolli	2011
Darryl Day	2014
Dave Peebles	2015

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## LPS & Ladner Yacht Club co-host a Shoreline Cleanup

As boaters, we're fortunate to be able to experience and have an even greater appreciation for the beauty of our shoreline. Here's a chance for us to do our bit to give back and help maintain it for others, ourselves, and the wildlife & ecosystem it supports. Please sign up online (<http://shorelinecleanup.ca/en/cleanup/event/fall2015/ladner-harbour-park-and-yacht-club>) and join us! Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00am-2:00pm. Meet at the Ladner Yacht Club. Waterboots recommended! Join us in the LYC Clubhouse for hot drinks afterwards.

## History of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

- The cleanups began in 1994, when a small team of staff and volunteers from the Vancouver Aquarium conducted a local shoreline cleanup in Vancouver's Stanley Park.
- In 2002, the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup became a national program, providing all Canadians the opportunity to make a difference in local communities, while taking part in a nationwide event.
- Participants removed 99,280 kg of litter from 3,035 km of shoreline in 2013. The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup has become Canada's largest contributor to the International Coastal Cleanup, a global effort to remove harmful litter and aquatic debris from shorelines.

## Impacts of Shoreline Litter

- Shoreline litter is a threat to aquatic life and ecosystems – litter can leach harmful chemicals into the water, accidentally be eaten by wildlife and entangle aquatic animals such as otters, turtles and birds.
- Litter travels from hundreds of miles inland. For example, a plastic sandwich bag that blows off a picnic table inland can be washed down a storm drain, river, lake or stream, and be eaten by or entangle an aquatic animal.

## The 2013 Fall Dirty Dozen List — Most Common Items Found During Cleanup

1. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters
2. Food Wrappers
3. Bottle Caps (Plastic)
4. Beverage Bottles (Plastic, 2 litres or less)
5. Beverage Cans
6. Straws, Stirrers
7. Other Plastic Bags
8. Bottle Caps (Metal)
9. Other Plastic Foam Packaging
10. Grocery Bags (Plastic)
11. Lids (Plastic)
12. Construction Materials

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## Socials

*Save the date - by Leanne Adams*

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### **Alder Alley for 5 Pin, Glow Bowling.**

**Commit by October 14<sup>th</sup>**

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 –

8:00 p.m. reserved for 2 hours, Pizza to opt in as desired. No alcohol.

Family friendly event so bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Address: 27070 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove BC

Rate will be approximately \$10 pp for bowling and \$10 pp for pizza based on 6 people per lane and lanes cost \$29 per hour. \$2.00 pp shoe rental.

Glow bowling is the latest craze, with black lights, disco and strobe lights. There will be funky music and yes it will be like going back in time. Dress in white for the ultimate Glow.

We have 25 people booked and 6 lanes reserved (there are only 10 lanes in the building). We are bowling on an hourly basis (2 hours) so you can play as many games as you like. I will put the teams together.

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Please note payment is required by the “commit date” to secure reservation.

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### **Fraser Downs Race Track, Christmas in November**

**Commit by October 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 doors open, night of horse racing and buffet dinner. Celebrate with old and new friends, and start the holiday season early.

Address: 17755 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Surrey, BC V3S 1V3

Rate is \$32.00 pp and includes buffet (same as last year) at the Home Stretch.

Currently there are 50 people booked for this fun event. Langley has secured seating along the window all together. We have space so bring your family and friends!

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### **Tentative dates for upcoming events**

**(dates subject to  
change)**

**Wednesday January 13** – Pub with Guest speaker Jeff Cote, talking about Boating Apps and Graduation Class

**Friday February 13** – Cooking Class at Well Seasoned

**Friday March 11** – Go Karting

**April** – Possible training on the water and Social and Ladner Yacht Club

**May** – Change of Watch

**May** – Bellingham Picnic at US Kitchen Peace Arch Park

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## Langley Squadron Cruises 2015

by Tami McFarlane

In late April Langley Squadron kicked off the 2015 Season with a “Shake-down” cruise to Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island. A potluck supper & BBQ was held on the Saturday evening at the marina picnic shelter giving everyone time to socialize. The weather co-operated ensuring that everyone had a great weekend.

another 7 from Bellingham. This was an event filled weekend commemorating the “Pig War” and a number of pig themed events and competitions were scheduled. Saturday evening members of the 2 squadrons gathered to socialize at an appetizer and wine-tasting contest. Impressive selections of red and white wines were enjoyed by all! Sunday afternoon a group of dinghy’s headed over to the National Historic Park to explore English Camp where the soldiers were stationed during the war. Dinner that evening was prepared by Langley Squadron and in keeping with the weekend’s theme a menu of roast ham, potato casserole and apple crisp was served. The evening’s entertainment was a contest using bubble gum to sculpture something related to the pig war. “Pig War Part 2” was a close battle that saw Langley Squadron victorious, stay tuned for Part 3!

Eight boats (and various guests) attended the “BC Cruise” on the August long weekend at Mill Bay. Saturday evening saw a large group congregate



*Roche Harbour*



Next up was our “Pig Themed” cruise with Bellingham Squadron on the May long weekend. The event was held at beautiful Roche Harbour and was attended by 7 boats from Langley and

under the awning on the dock for appetizers (fresh caught prawns!) and socializing. A bus tour was organized on Sunday afternoon to the Kinsol Trestle Bridge and then to Merridale

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## Cruises 2015

*Continued*



*Sternlines from the raft*

Cidery for a cider tasting. The weekend wrapped up with a BBQ & potluck on Sunday evening.

On Labour Day weekend our final “Wine down” cruise was held at Galiano Island. There was an incredible turnout of 17 boats, which when rafted together in Montague Harbour was a sight to be seen! Saturday evening featured a memorable bus ride to the Hummingbird Pub for dinner. On Sunday afternoon there was an appetizer get together where members wandered from boat to boat eating, enjoying sangria and socializing. All too soon the weekend was over and we were heading back home through a foggy pass looking forward to next summers cruises!

*Tami McFarlane*

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## Langley Rivermen Hockey Game

*by Leanne Adams*

October 2<sup>nd</sup> started the 2015/16 socials off with the Langley Rivermen hockey team taking on the Chilliwack Chiefs at the Langley Event Centre (LEC). Of the 35 people in attendance from Langley Power and Sail Squadron, many had never been to the Event Centre.

Our very own Bridgete Breuer works at the LEC and was able to provide a very special evening for us all. Not only did the LEC offer us free admission but they set up the Sapphire Sound Lounge which is the largest private room overlooking the game. Our \$14.00 admission went towards snacks and drinks.

The room was a fantastic venue and whether or not you are a hockey lover, it was fun to get together with everyone. The Rivermen played a great game and won 6-4. This is truly a family event and I would recommend it as a great spot for an evening out. I personally had so much fun that I forgot to take photos, so while it looks empty, trust me it was bustling. The last of us were kicked out by security.

A great big thank you to Bridgete, my partner in planning and Alison Chapman for funds collection. Alison is the littlest lady but she works the door as well as any bouncer.

Fun fact from Wikipedia: The **Langley Events Centre** is a 322,312-square-foot (29,943.8 m<sup>2</sup>) multipurpose facility in the Township of Langley. The LEC debuted in April 2009, hosting the 2009 BC Gymnastics Championships. It boasts an arena bowl with a 5,276 capacity for sports, including 24 individual suites. The LEC also showcases a triple Gymnasium with a capacity of 2,200 spectators under its centre court configuration. The venue’s second building houses the Field House, a dry floor arena, as well as a double gymnasium with a capacity of 1,000 spectators. Other highlights of the facility include a Banquet Hall with an 800-person capacity, an indoor walking track, meeting rooms, and the Willoughby Community Centre, while includes a fitness facility, outdoor playground and various grass and turf fields.





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## Thank you

*Thank you Langley Power and Sail Squadron.*



*Thank you for the scholarship. I'm very grateful for your help in persuing my university path and my dream of becoming a physiotherapist. Next year I am planning on attending UFV in Kinesiology and playing soccer.*

*Thanks so much*

*Alex Reed*

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## Member Benefits

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Members receive a discount on Pleasure Craft Operator Card and VHF card **replacement**

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Get a free **Courtesy Check** to ensure you have the required equipment on board. Contact your Squadron for details.

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Save 50% on **Boat U.S.** Membership

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## Cruises for 2016

*Tentative schedule by  
Tami McFarlane*

### **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE**

April 23-24 (Sat. Sun.) Ladysmith Maritime Society  
Marina

### **WICKED CRAB CRUISE - crab competition!**

May 21-23 (Sat. Sun. Mon.) Port Browning

### **CANADA DAY CRUISE**

July 1-3 (Fri. Sat. Sun.) Mill Bay Marina

### **WINE DOWN CRUISE - 17 and counting!**

Sept. 3-5 (Sat. Sun. Mon.) Montague Anchor

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## **CPS Membership - don't lose it; use it!**



The mandate of CPS is to promote and support boating safety & education, but there's a lot more to it than that. Recreational boating is also a social activity; part of the enjoyment is the interaction with others. Local Squadrons are the backbone of CPS, it's where boaters gather, share in activities & events, ask questions/receive help & advice. There are countless other benefits to being a member, and the minimal cost incurred for annual dues can pay for themselves many times over. If you went to the newsstand and bought the Pacific Yachting and Canadian Yachting magazines you receive with your membership, you would already be spending more than your annual dues. Many insurance brokers recognize members have a lower claim rate than others, and offer premium discounts to members. Lordco is a regular stop for many when it comes time for maintenance supplies; use your Canadian Power and Sail membership and receive a discount. Now that there's a Rona store in Langley, use it there too! There are many more discounts available to you –just check the CPS website ([www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca)) to find out more. Your membership at the National level is where the funding for the local Squadrons comes from. Without that, LPS would cease to be. Please check/update your membership. We've continued to include lapsed members with our Squadron email updates and our Datum Data newsletters; our Membership Officer has been trying to touch base with many lapsed members, but long lapsed membership info gets purged from the CPS list and it becomes unavailable even to us. I know many members continue to maintain their membership because they believe in the value of CPS even if they're no longer regular boaters –to you, we say thanks. But to all members, we encourage you to both maintain *and use* the benefits membership can provide you.