



# ANCHOR WATCH

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## Wins Election In Landslide

# BOB'S THE BOSS



Commanders Gone, Going, Coming

Déjà vu. At the AGM on April 14 at the Hollyburn Sailing Club, in our usual typical display of perverted democracy, the Nominating Committee's slate was endorsed without a whimper. Crucial to this process is the tradition of lulling the electors to sleep with the Officers' reports, then springing the election on the snoozing Members.

Ex Commander **John** handed the gavel, and Norvan's future, over to new Commander **Bob**, who then made the usual series of empty promises expected from the ranking stuckee. The stunned multitude then quickly retired to the free bar in yet another

fruitless effort to determine what went wrong.

After these libations, we were treated to a good presentation by **Chris Wolfe** of Vibra-Sonic Control Ltd., who dealt with noise and vibration on pleasure craft.

Job one for the new gang will be to don their spring finery for the super **Commander's Ball on May 1** (see Page 2). This is a not-to-

be-missed event, which includes fine food, dancing, awards (including the **n o t o r i o u s H.A. Memorial Trophy** for the greatest nautical atrocity of the past 12 months) and general fun. Reservations are a must, so call our Social Officers ASAP.

The survivors then will attempt to win next year's edition of the HA at the **Commander's Cruise**, a 3 day blowout at **Snug Cove** starting **May 22**, and the **District Rendezvous**, also at Snug Cove, on July 9-10. (see Page 4). A great time is almost guaranteed.

**Norvan** looks forward to seeing you at these spectaculars. Time is limited - and so is the space - so call now or you'll

miss all the fun!

## Bob's Bio

Bob was born and raised in Toronto, and graduated from the University of Toronto as a Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering. He met his wife, **Sheryl**, after his second run at first year engineering and married her between his third and fourth year; as Bob says "she has her "PHT" (putting hubby through)."

After graduation they lived in Ohio for 18 months, followed by 5 years in Montreal where daughter, **Jennifer**, was born, then to Markham Ontario for 4 years, during which their second daughter, **Julie**, was born. Then to Burlington for 2 years, Vancouver in 1975 and North Van in 1976.

Bob took the Boating Course in 1985, then served us as Proctor, Lecturer, Treasurer, Cruisemaster and Executive Officer. He has taken marine maintenance, weather, seamanship power, piloting, VHF and GPS, and cruises in his Bayliner 2850 Contessa Sunbridge, *Destiny*.

## Burnaby Rescues Student Cruise Again

A surprisingly sunny day, which was the only thing that went right.

First, our reserved BBQ location was declared double-booked, and we were hustled off to the most Southerly area of Panorama Park. No chance to tell anyone and the table was in the shade/wet portion, cancelling out the nice weather. Sorry to those who showed up at the usual location and found no party in progress.

Prior to this goofup, a much larger



The Ptomainator at work

problem was solved. 18 students were ready to cruise, but only 3 of the Norvan fleet - old faithfuls *Seawrede* (**Kim Wrede**) and *Good Point* (**Gerry Mattson**) plus *Z'z Xcape* (**Zale Martell**) were available; stalwart **Jack Hunter** was still recovering from surgery, for which we wish him well.

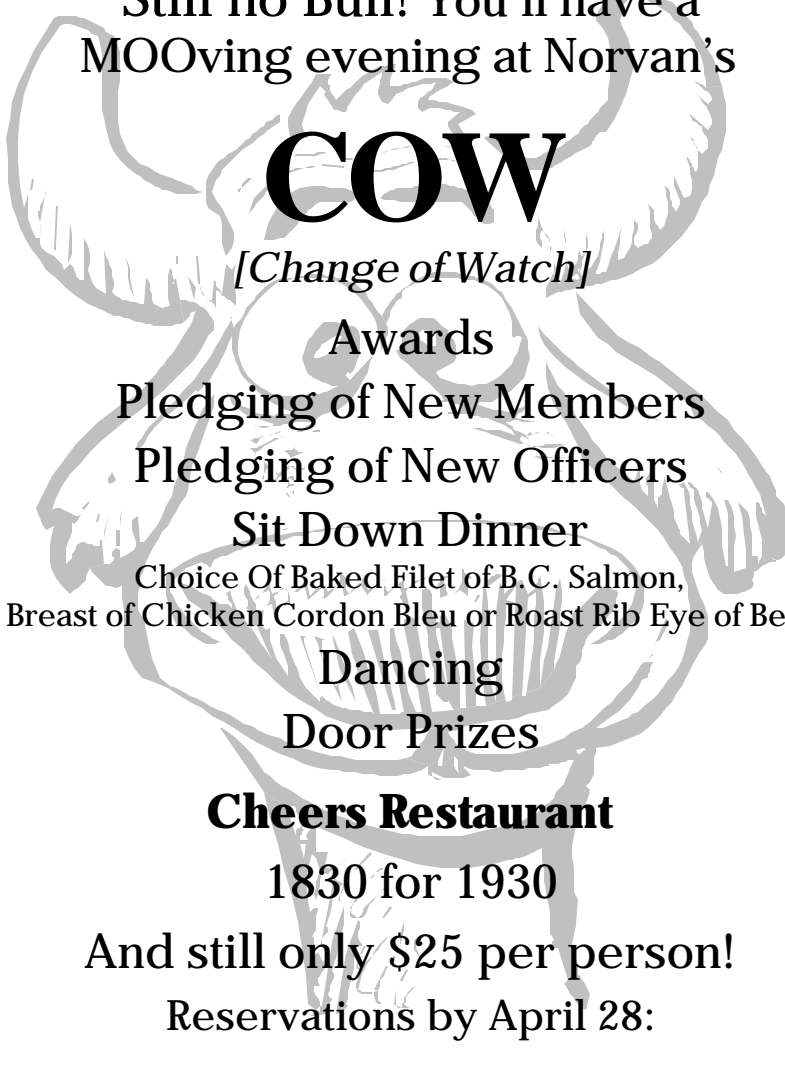
Drawing on her prior squadron affiliation, STO **Sally** called Burnaby's

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**Norvan's Executive**

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<b>Socials Officer</b>	
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<b>Past Commander</b>	
P/Cdr John Atkinson	986-0313

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**Saturday, May 3**  
**Still no Bull! You'll have a MOOving evening at Norvan's**  
  
**COW**  
*[Change of Watch]*  
**Awards**  
**Pledging of New Members**  
**Pledging of New Officers**  
**Sit Down Dinner**  
 Choice Of Baked Filet of B. C. Salmon,  
 Breast of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Rib Eye of Beef  
**Dancing**  
**Door Prizes**  
**Cheers Restaurant**  
**1830 for 1930**  
**And still only \$25 per person!**  
**Reservations by April 28:**

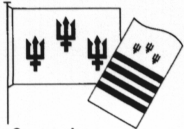
**CROOZ  NOOZ**

Join your fellow Norvanners on the water. Put your training to work! This is a great way to meet your fellow members, and many cruising relationships have been developed from these fun filled functions.

May 22-24	<b>Commander's Cruise</b>	Snug Cove
July 9-10	<b>District Rendezvous</b>	Snug Cove
July 31-August	<b>NorBel Rendezvous</b>	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemaster **Guy Cooper** (983-2058). A good time will be had by all, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**THE KEY TO BOATING ENJOYMENT IS SAFETY  
 ACQUIRED THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE**



# COMMANDER'S CORNER



This is my first "Commander's Corner" and I would be remiss if I neglected to convey "thank you" to all of the hard-working Norvan members who have kept things on track and moving ahead over the past 12 months.

First, I'd like to say a special "thank you" to our Immediate Past Commander, **John Atkinson**, from all Norvan members. Well done, John!

Then there are all those other folks, some you know well, some you might not realize were an integral part of the whole process .... if I miss a few, please forgive.

- **Sally Skelton**, who persevered as Squadron Training Officer with less than a normal complement of ATO's.
- **Tom Symons**, who consistently delivered numerous high quality issues of the Anchor Watch.
- **Stan Shepherd** whose financial reports are a delight to all ... no

small challenge!

- **Libby Kelley**, Super Secretary, whose efforts were much appreciated.
- **Kirk Kohn**, our hard working Chief Proctor without whom the Boating Class could not function.
- **Orilea Martell** and **Elise Shepherd**, our "rookies" who delivered much more than we could ever ask in terms of successful social events.
- **Terry van Geldren** who worked so diligently on the BoatPro.
- **Paige Ackerman**, creator of our website ... the envy of every squadron in the country.
- **Tony Gardiner**, CPS Chief Commander, who with his wife **May** has found time in their busy schedule to look in on their home squadron and help with pledging and other duties ... take note, the Chief Commander is a member of our Squadron!!!
- **Rhonda Jones**, Past District

Commander, who has proudly represented our Squadron at PMD.

- **Gus Decock**, our USPS liaison, who appears to have attended every USPS and CPS function in North America.
- **"BJ" Ursin**, Commander of Bellevue Squadron, who, with his wife **Mary**, supported the Nor/Bel Rendezvous at Maple Bay, our Crab Feed and our Wine & Cheese Party.
- **Marion Cartwright**, President of Bellevue Squadron "Sea Belles" and her husband **Joe** who also supported our Maple Bay Rendezvous and our Wine & Cheese Party.
- **Don Williams** and his wife **Ann** who have done so much to help arrange the Nor/Bel Rendezvous to Maple Bay.

By the time you read this issue of Anchor Watch, our Annual General Meeting will be behind us and the Change of Watch will be just around the corner. The "COW", as it is affectionately known, is always an enjoyable event with lots of good food followed by the pledging and award ceremonies and dancing ... lots of door prizes too! The price is certainly right, so don't forget to contact Orilea Martell (604-980-7975) or Elise Shepherd (604-987-5789) and let them know you plan to attend. .

*Bob*

## TRAINING TOPICS

I was mistaken. The March newsletter Training Topics was not my last, but this one is.

### Boating Done

The Spring Boating Course is now complete. This resulted in 28 passes, 1 failure and 3 DNW's, bringing the average class mark of 86%. I am very happy to report **AJ Kay**, who is 13 years old, successfully completed the Boating Course. I venture to say that AJ is the youngest person in Norvan history to successfully complete the Boating Course. Well done AJ, we are all extremely proud of you - how about Piloting next year??!!

### So Is VHF

With the assistance of **Paige Ackerman**, the VHF Course is now completed. We had 14 students take the course and I am pleased to report all 14 passed. Well done to all those students. I would be amiss if I did not also thank the **Hollyburn Sailing Club** for the use of their facility for this course. It was much appreciated.

### Joint Planning

I, along with the incoming Advanced Training Officer, will be meeting with both **Capilano** and **Seymour** Squadrons to set up a system whereby we work in conjunction with each other for Advanced and Elective Courses. I am sure this will be a benefit to all North Shore members. The new STO no doubt will be reporting on the outcome of this meeting.

### Kudos

Once again, my thanks goes out to all the members of the Training team. You

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## Social Notes



Mark your calendars for the finest in functions by the finest of Squadrons:

May 1  
**Change of Watch Party**  
Cheers Restaurant

May 28-29  
**District AGM and COW**  
Best Western Richmond Inn

These are great opportunities to meet and greet your fellow Norvanners. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Cruise, continued from page 1)



Some of the unsuspecting gather for what could be their last meal

Gordon Nex, who was out of town, then Dave Holbrook, who accepted this assignment. Unfortunately, his vessel did not, refusing to start at 0800 on cruise day. Dave then got Rick Kingsley out of bed, and he roared down from East Burnaby to Lynnwood Marina to bring Voyager to our aid. Our thanks!!

Returning to the BBQ for an encore performance was Cruisemaster Guy (The Ptomainator) Cooper. His picture on page 1 (looking very serious, and small wonder) appears to indicate numerous Merit Marks, but they are in fact records of his kills. Despite his best efforts, everyone survived this time, and may even return again.

## THIS IS IT! The Official, 8 1/2th Annual NORQUITLAM COMMANDERS' CRUISE

As Norvan and Coquitlam Squadrons unite to celebrate the Victoria Day Weekend, you might:

- 👁️ gaze in wonder at unusual mooring and rafting practices
- 🔫 witness adults relive their childhoods with water pistols, spud guns and anything else that comes to mind

But without doubt, you will:

- 🍖 be served a steak or chicken dinner, cooked to semi-perfection by your own Commander
- 🥞 have a pancake breakfast in the comfort of your own lap, again thanks to Bob's culinary artistry
- 🎉 kick off the boating season with fun and frolic galore

SNUG COVE : MAY 22-24

The cost: probably only \$18 per head for all this food

Come by ferry or bring your own vessel. Kids, guests and pets welcome. This an event not to be missed! Moorage and cabin space are both very limited, so call Guy Cooper (983-2058) immediately, if not sooner. See you there!

## Unclassified Ads

**Help!!!** Do you own, or work for, a company that can donate a door prize for the COW? If so, please contact our new Commander, **Bob Lowden**, at **987-0660** e-mail [lowdens@telus.net](mailto:lowdens@telus.net) ASAP and he will arrange for pick up or drop off. If in time, recognition will be given in the Programme. And if you come to the COW you might even win back your own prize!

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have all been fantastic and, due to you, I have been to made look good. My sincere appreciation to each and every one of you. I would like to wish the new Training Officer, **John Bunning**, every success, and to all of

the Training Department, I will not be far away should you need assistance. *Sally Skelton, STO (Retired)*

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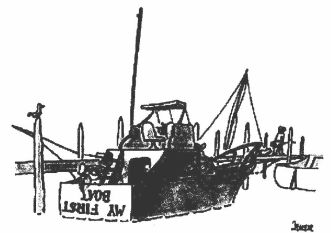
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## FLOTSAM

(n.: wreckage found floating on the surface of the sea; The Editor's Column)

Yes, we have a HA candidate, and the story is hilarious. Of course, you have to come to the COW to hear it t **Mooving On:** speaking of the COW, not only do you get to choose between 3 entrees, but also between 2 salads (Caesar or green) and 3 desserts and, no, the COW is not mad or even riled up (really, the stuff that I run to fill space) t **PMD At Play:** Friday night at the District Conference (May 28) will feature a 50's Rock & Roll Cruising Party, with **Herbie and the Hubcaps** (reputed to be a live band) playing music from the 50's and 60's, plus a Greek Food Buffet dinner, all for \$30 or 2 for \$50. Let's grease up our hair, get out those poodle skirts and rock the night away - you, too, ladies. E-mail Fred Des Rochers at [fred.desrochers@telus.net](mailto:fred.desrochers@telus.net) for agenda and registration form t **On The Mend: Jack Hunter**, a long time member who has been involved for twenty plus years, recently underwent knee surgery. We are happy to report that Jack is doing well and we wish him all the best. t



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