



# ANCHOR WATCH



The official newsletter of Norvan Power & Sail Squadron

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## No Whining This Time MANY SAY CHEEZE



Art, Newest Norvanners, Orilea, Sally and Jim

70 persons (vs. 56 last year) enjoyed the Wine and Cheese Party held February 4 at the Lynn Valley Recreation Centre. The Norvanners and PMD'rs were augmented by 10 of our Members (or Members-to be) from Bellevue, whose Commander managed to keep her record of non-attendance intact (hello, Jean!).

Our Emcee for the evening was Executive Officer **Jim Reid**, and his audition for Commander was apparently successful (see Nominating Committee Report inside).

Rookie of the Year Award onto our fabulous PRO **Guy Cooper**, a worthy recipient indeed. Through a gross miscalculation he was in the air on his way to some mysterious destination in the Middle East at the time, thereby placing the honour of receiving the award onto his lovely wife, **Alice Chung**, who read his acceptance speech beautifully.

District Executive Officer **Art Rendell** pledged a modern record 15 candidates into membership, then Norvan's USPS Liaison Officer and noted Bellevue Past Commander **Gus Decock** laid the

The wine was from Europe, the favourites (according to head server **Les Johnson**) being for reds: Torres-2000 Gran Sangre de Toro (Spain), Fortant-2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (France) and Grao Vasca-2002 Dao (sounds Jamaican, but actually Portugese), while the top ranked whites were Goldener Oktober-2004 Niersteiner Gutes Domtal (Germany), Gustav Adolf Schmitt-2004 Niersteiner Spatlese (German, of Course) and Vina Heredad-2004 blanc de blancs Segura Viudas (Spain). All

wines were chosen on the advice of Les's Sommelier son. The cheeses, also European, were abundant and tasty.

Our ace Social Committee members, **Marsha Cullimore** and **Lillian Hickman**, did a marvellous job, assisted by **Colin Cullimore**,

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Gus, Jim, Alice, Cdr Sal

## And Some Choose To Cruise

With 50 students in the Boating Class, 17 vessels agreed to assist. To the surprise of the Training Officer, only 28 signed up for the cruise. To the astonishment of the Cruisemaster, 10 of these worthies turned out to be fair weather sailors, and pooped out when the weather appeared (?) to be inclement.

The excitement actually started on the night before when elements of the fleet decided to overnight at the Deep Cove municipal dock for the evening, skillfully avoiding the Dockmistress (read "Docknazi"). High winds, rogue waves, rain, broken dock lines and smashed fenders made for an

Questions from the Weather Course Exam:

Q: what days of the year have an 80% chance of rain?

A: the days on which Norvan has its Student Cruises

Q: and when will the sun shine on these days?

A: one hour after the BBQ ends and everyone has gone

enjoyable all-nighter for the skippers.

In the drizzly morning the hardy students boarded *Seawrede* (**Kim and Sherilyn Wrede**), *Z'z Xcape* (**Zale and Orilea Martell**), *Uptown Girl* (**Rob and Debbie Kay**), *Ten Ton Rhino* (**Frank and Janet Poratto**), *Meridian* (**Dave Holcroft**), *Imperial* (**Rick and Lorraine Rose**) and *Early Dawn* (**Dave and Dawn Cassells**) for a leisurely cruise around Deep Cove and environs. They were then subjected to the culinary delights of substitute chef **Mike Hickman** where, contrary to initial reports, all

who dined survived the experience.

**Norvan's Executive**

<b>Commander</b>	
Cdr Sally Skelton	986-0313
<b>Executive Officer</b>	
Lt/C Jim Reid	980-8276
<b>Training Officer</b>	
Lt/C Orilea Martell	980-7975
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	
Lt/C John Atkinson	986-0313
<b>Secretary</b>	
1st Lt Sheryl Lowden	987-0660
<b>Treasurer</b>	
1st Lt Stan Shepherd	987-5789
<b>Public Relations Officer</b>	
1st Lt Guy Cooper	983-2058
<b>Marep and Environmental Officer</b>	
1st Lt Ray Baynes	987-5792
<b>Membership Officer</b>	
1st Lt John Bunning	985-0734
<b>Assistant Training Officer</b>	
1st Lt Colin Cullimore	987-5601
<b>Assistant Training Officer</b>	
1st Lt Michael Hickman	980-4472
<b>Assistant Training (Chief Proctor)</b>	
1st Lt Kirk Kohn	985-3453
<b>Publications Officer (Editor)</b>	
1st Lt Tom Symons	904-0815
<b>Assistant Editor (Distribution)</b>	
Lt Pam Boudreau	985-3376
<b>Communications Officer</b>	
Lt Les Johnson	904-0334
<b>Cruisemaster</b>	
Lt Frank Poratto	913-9092
<b>Historian</b>	
Lt Bob Hough	980-6856
<b>Port Captain</b>	
Lt Bill Alcock	985-9317
<b>Privacy Officer</b>	
Lt John Bunning	985-0734
<b>Socials Officer</b>	
Lt Marsha Cullimore	987-5601
<b>Socials Officer</b>	
Lt Lillian Hickman	980-4472
<b>Supply Officer</b>	
Lt Karl Reardon	924-4980
<b>USPS Liaison Officer</b>	
Lt Gus Decock	(425)821-5612
<b>VHF Officer</b>	
Lt Sally Skelton	986-0313
<b>Webmistress</b>	
Lt Paige Ackerman	985-3453
<b>Past Commander</b>	
P/Cdr Bob Lowden	987-0660

*[unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are area code 604]*

**Saturday, May 6**

**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**

**Fine Food**

**Dancing**

**Door Prizes**

**Cheers Restaurant**

**1830 for 1930**

**And still only \$25 per person!**

**Reservations by May 2:**

**Marsha (987-5601) or Lillian (980-4472)**

**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 20-22	<b>Commander's Cruise</b>	Snug Cove
July 7-9	<b>District Rendezvous</b>	Snug Cove
August 5-7	<b>NorBel Rendezvous</b>	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemaster **Frank Poratto** (913-9092) or Assistant Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** (987-0660). We look forward to seeing you there!

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



**NOW HEAR THIS!**  
 Out with the old, in with the new, at  
**HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB**  
 1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver  
 Wednesday April 19, 2006 at 1930



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**To the Members of Norvan Power and Sail Squadron:**

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Norvan Power and Sail Squadron will be held at The Hollyburn Sailing Club, 1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C., on April 19, 2006 at 1930 for the purposes of:

- (a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron;
- (b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2006, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- (c) electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (d) appointing the Squadron Auditor;
- (e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2006.

"1st Sheryl Lowden"  
 Squadron Secretary

### REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2006-2007:

<b>Squadron Commander (Cdr)</b>	<b>Jim Reid</b>	2512 Hoskins Road., North Vancouver	604-980-8276
<b>Executive Officer (Lt/C)</b>	<b>Orilea Martell</b>	1455 Mill Street, North Vancouver	604-980-7975
<b>Training Officer (Lt/C)</b>	<b>Keith O'Connor</b>	933 Wavertree Road, North Vancouver	604-980-3034
<b>Administration Officer (1st Lt)</b>	<b>Guy Cooper</b>	530 Tempe Crescent, North Vancouver	604-983-2058
<b>Secretary (1st Lt)</b>	<b>Bill Smyth</b>	#1213-175 West 1st St., North Vancouver	604-985-7935
<b>Treasurer (1st Lt)</b>	<b>Stan Shepherd</b>	1059 Edgewood Road, North Vancouver	604-987-5789
<b>Public Relations Officer (1st Lt)</b>	<b>Web Teetzel</b>	1404 Fintry Place, North Vancouver	604-980-8845
<b>Marep/Environment Officer (1st Lt)</b>	<b>Ray Baynes</b>	276 Sandringham Cresc., North Vancouver	604-987-5792
<b>Membership Officer (1st Lt)</b>	<b>John Bunning</b>	4538 Timberline Place, North Vancouver	604-985-0734

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**2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers with the rank of First Lieutenant who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 10.2(b):**

Assistant Training Officer	Colin Cullimore	#38-2688 Mountain Hwy., North Vancouver	604-987-5601
Assistant Training Officer	Michael Hickman,	705 Winona Avenue, North Vancouver	604-980-4472
Assistant Training (Ch. Proctor)	Kirk Kohn	#103-1644 McGuire Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-3453
Assistant Training (Student Contact)	Sally Skelton	#201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver	604-986-0313
Publications Officer (Editor)	Tom Symons	#707-555 West 28 <sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver	604-904-0815

**3. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:**

**Bob Crone**, 8175 Pasco Road, West Vancouver, 604-921-6500

**4. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as staff officers with the rank of Lieutenant:**

Assistant Editor (Distribution)	Pam Boudreau	#304-555 West 28th Street, North Vancouver	604-985-3376
Communications Officer	Les Johnson	4643 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver	604-904-0334
Cruisemaster	Frank Poratto	4439 Stone Court, West Vancouver	604-913-9092
Assistant Cruisemaster	Bob Lowden	300 East 6th Street, North Vancouver	604-987-0660
Historian	Bob Hough	114 St. James Rd. E., North Vancouver	604-980-6856
Port Captain	Bill Alcock	1053 St. Andrews Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-9317
Socials Officer	Marsha Cullimore	#38-2688 Mountain Hwy., North Vancouver	604-987-5601
Socials Officer	Lillian Hickman	705 Winona Avenue, North Vancouver	604-980-4472
Supply Officer	Joe Inkster	5138 Redonda Drive, North Vancouver	604-985-0275
USPS Liaison Officer	Gaston Decock	14135-121 <sup>st</sup> Ave N.E., Kirkland, WA	425-821-5612
Webmistress	Paige Ackerman	#103-1644 McGuire Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-3453

**5. The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:**

**(a) the following Member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of her position as Immediate Past Squadron Commander, and does not require election or appointment:**

**Sally Skelton** #201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver 604-986-0313

**(b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2006-2007 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:**

P/Cdr **Sally Skelton**, Chair      P/Cdr **Bob Lowden**      Cdr **Jim Reid**

Respectfully submitted,

“P/Cdr Bob Lowden”  
Chairperson

“P/Cdr John Atkinson”

“Cdr Sally Skelton”

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Cheer for the incoming! Weep for the outgoing! This is your golden opportunity to determine the course of your Squadron for the next year, so vote early and often. And, yes, the evening will feature the ever popular ☺ **FREE BEER** ☺ so how can you lose?

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER



Like all Past Commanders who sat down to write their last column as Commander, I wonder where the year went. Now the questions are: is it because I am getting older and, as I have been told, the years go by faster the older you get or ... is it because I had the privilege of working with a great Bridge? Now, if you were in my shoes, which option would you choose?

Of course, it is due to the fact that I had the best group of people on the Bridge!!! All kidding aside, it is a fact

that this year's Bridge Members have made my job as Commander a breeze. It has always been my belief that when you have a number of jobs to be done, you recruit, cajole, hornswaggle, beg, plead, and grovel to get the best person for each job. Once having accomplished this, you let them run with it.

I had the good fortune of working with the best. Throughout the year, each and every member, not only those on the Bridge but also members who were unable to serve

on the Bridge, assisted in making the year successful, and my sincere thanks goes out to each and every one of you.

I would now like to change tack and address those members, both new and old, who have questioned whether they should step up to the plate and help out. My recommendation to you is most definitely YES. In return for the few hours you volunteer you will be rewarded tenfold. Your rewards come in the form of great long term friendships, advice when required and requested, as well as a sense of accomplishment.

As you may know, the National Conference this year will be held in Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for all members to meet and greet CPS members from across Canada but also U.S. Power Squadron Members (most of whom are members of Norvan Squadron). This event will be held October 25 - 28, 2006 at the Marriott

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## TRAINING TOPICS

### Cruise Congrats, and We Are/Will Be Famous

I would like to congratulate the students that signed up and showed up for the Spring Student Cruise. As usual the generosity of the proctors, boat owners and BBQ chefs who gave up their Sunday to take the time to attend the cruise in rainy, blustery weather to promote safe boating are to be commended. **Guy Cooper** worked his magic at the Cruise and arranged for a North Shore newspaper photographer to be on hand to take pictures and gather information for an article that they are doing about our Squadron

### Boating Update

The spring Boating class is doing very well. The proctors were quite satisfied with the results of the mid-term quiz given March 7<sup>th</sup>. The room has been reserved at Cheers Restaurant for March 26<sup>th</sup>, the annual Sunday brunch/cruise brush-up that the proctors hold for students that are interested.

### Exams No Problem

On March 8<sup>th</sup> seven students wrote the Marine Maintenance examination. Instructor **Jim Reid** expects his usual 100% passing rate. Again, thanks go to the Hollyburn Sailing Club for their generosity in letting us use their facilities. The next night, the exams for the VHF course were held. There were 12 enrolled in the course taught by **Paige Ackerman** - they all wrote and passed the exam.

### What Do You Want?

We are setting up the new course schedule for the fall. If anyone has the desire to take any of the many courses available through CPS, please let me know at 604-904-6780. Several people have indicated that more courses should be given; we agree, but we cannot rent the rooms, order the course materials and arrange for the instructors without knowing that we will have enough students.

### Special Comment

On February 28, we had one of those nightmare classes where we discovered too late that the student materials were sent out from Headquarters missing the required pages. Super instructor **Pam Boudreau** carried on teaching the details of the cruise whilst **Colin Cullimore** went out to get copies at the nearest outlet.

The proctors did what they could and we got the job done. STO Nominee

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**STUDENTS**  
 YOU ARE MORE THAN  
 WELCOME TO JOIN US AT  
 ANY OF OUR SOCIAL  
 EVENTS! WE ALREADY  
 CONSIDER YOU TO BE  
 MEMBERS OF THE NORVAN  
 FAMILY



## Social Notes



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

April 19  
**Annual General Meeting**  
 Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 6  
**Change of Watch Party**  
 Cheers Restaurant

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



Admiral Ackerman and ..

## It's All Greek To Us

A record crowd (37) attended the Social Night held at the Hollyburn Sailing club on March 22, and the program exceeded all expectations. **Paige Ackerman** and **Kirk Kohn** cruised the Greek Islands on a 35' sailboat (the *Pink Elephant*) from May 1 to May 21, 2005, then returned to share their experiences with us. Ask Paige about their confrontation with the Greek Coast Guard, why a GPS could have had them mooring on the top of a hill, what the Beaufort Scale is all about and why a man was pictured "whacking his octopus on the dock", then ask Kirk why the immodest Speedo photo is in a



Captain Kirk

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**Keith O'Connor** arrived and added his quiet yet strong authority to the evening. This, coupled with the generosity of new proctor **Web Teetzel**, is what makes the job worthwhile.

### And In Closing

Now that the weather is giving us a promise that boating season will soon be in full fledged, I wish you safe traveling and I look forward to your ideas for the upcoming season.

*Orilea*

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Pinnacle Hotel. On the Friday night, the theme will be "Escape to Margaritaville". **Jimmy Buffett** has been invited and, who knows, he may just show up [or maybe not – Ed.]. You can get more information on cost and events being planned in your next issue of Port Hole

I will now end my final report to you all by reminding you of the upcoming **Change of Watch**. I would respectfully request that you seriously consider attending to show your support to our Socials Committee who have spent many hours bringing this all together, our incoming Bridge and most importantly the graduates and new Members from our Spring Boating Course.

In closing, my profound thanks to all of you for your support, it has been very much appreciated.

*Sally*

*(Wine and Cheese, continued from page 1)*


**Michael Hickman** and **Bob Lowden** on set-up, **John and Isabel Bunning** on ticket sales, **Nancy Johnson**, **John Atkinson** and **Pat Lewis** in food preparation and delivery assistance and **John** who, along with **Sue Decock**, kept the early evening crowd plied with wine, beer and repartee at the opening bar. Cleanup was ably handled by **Nancy**, **Pat**, **Orilea** and **Zale Martell** and **Jim and Carol Reid**.

Many hands made for a great party. Note, however, how many of the helpers are being nominated for office, proving once again that no good deed ever goes unpunished.

Raj Vyas

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## FLOTSAM

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

Well, no HA candidates again this month. Perhaps you don't appreciate how this works - no finks, no award. Surely one of our worthies has screwed up since last May, so .. ☼ **Back In:** in our December 2005 edition we reported, based on an occasionally reliable source (Her Grace the Commander) that the Marep Program had been discontinued. Well it turns out that only Marep Weather was turfed out while Marep Hydrographic (the chart corrections) continues to thrive. Now **Ray Baynes** has 2 jobs ☼ **Election Leftover:** when **Libby and Blake Kelley** told their 4 year old granddaughter that they were heading off to vote, she asked anxiously: "do I need to wear my life jacket?" Not a bad idea the way it turned out ☼ **BellCrab Blowout Again:** Bellevue may only have a Crab Feed (as opposed to our Crab Feast), but they certainly do it in style. While our Feast had 83 participants, their Feed attracted 152 [26 from PMD (14 or so from Norvan)] to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 14 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser). It is a tradition that the Norvanners and PMD hangers-on gather in the Norvan Commander's room prior to the Feed to lay in a base of goodies and, yes, free beer, followed by the bed crushing contest. Once again, the nibblies were great and the bed was up to the task, as is obvious from the pictorial evidence above ☼ **See Your Name In Print:** 8 times per year - run against me at the at the AGM. Lousy pay, but power to burn! See you there ☼



Still More Bedtime For Bozos