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The Year In Review

2003: Another Good Year

For the past 3 years, we ran this feature in order to prevent a blank first page, and to save the Editor some work. Same problem again this year, so we appear to have started a tradition by default. Remember:



Incoming!

January

Spring Boating Class lands 51, down 2 from last year's class. Bellevue may only have a Crab Feed (as opposed to our Crab Feast), but they certainly do it in style. 158 adults and 16 children, for a total of 174, chowed down at the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on

January 18 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser), the multitude featuring 24 from PMD, the majority being from Norvan.

February and March

More than 60 happy partiers, including elements of the Fall Boating course graduating class, Norbellers (joint Norvan and Bellevue members) and guests from PMD enjoyed the **Wine & Cheese Party**. New Members were pledged by the Chief Commander, Norvan's own **Tony Gardiner**. Our hard working Marep Officer/Proctor **Ray Baynes** took the Rookie of the Year Award. Attendance at **March Social Night** disappointing, perhaps due again to the spotty promotion effort.

April

Les Johnson retires as our Commander and **John Atkinson** grabs the reins, to the amusement of the usual lousy attendance at the AGM. Rain and wind and cold for the **Student Cruise**. The **Change of Watch** featured a marked recovery in attendance, a sit down dinner, a maintained low price, **Lee Varseveld** winning the Kania Award for service, **Sally Skelton** the Ede Award for training and an absent **Karl and Dortha Lang**

(joint Bellevue/Norvan Members) the HA Award for noteworthy incompetence (Karl) and finking in print (Dortha).

May

Commander's Cruise blessed with good weather and good attendance (21 Norvanners plus 30 from Coquitlam). Pain from losing the bocce ball tournament to those Easterners somewhat relieved by the trophy having been misplaced.

June to August

Norvan not so well represented at the PMD Cruise, but did contribute 5 Past Commanders and 3 Past District Commanders (with some duplication). Flawless weather but high seas in the Gulf for the **NorBel Rendezvous**, with 15 boats and 42 people (down from last year) at the new location, Maple Bay.

September and October

40 register for Boating Class, for 2003 total of 91. Fog and threats from the Deep Cove Dockmaster for the **Student Cruise** - latter overcome through the generosity of the Deep Cove Yacht Club. Our own **Tony**

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FEAST FOR EYES AND STOMACH

While early evening rain threatened to dampen the Christmas spirit, our Carol Ship Party at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on December 7 was finally blessed with clear skies. More than 40 Norvanners (and prospects from the Fall Boating class) gathered not only to swap lies but to feast on the delicious potluck goodies provided by the attendees. Our Social Officers **Orilea Martell** and **Elise Shepherd** are to be commended for the potluck idea and for the



Orilea, Elise, Food

great party.

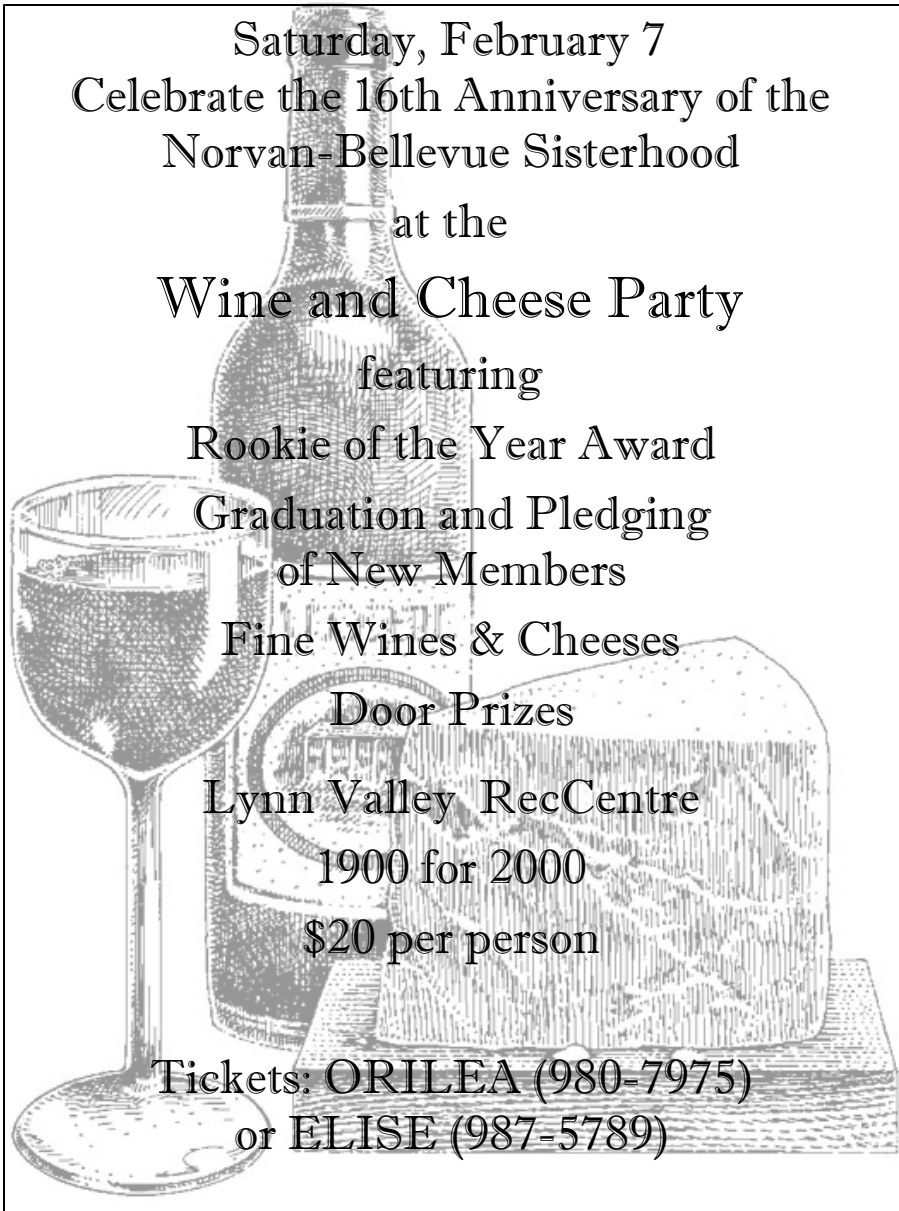
As the food began to arrive, those present were faced with difficult decisions as each contribution surpassed its predecessor.

The carol ships passed right on time, easily viewed from Hollyburn's deck, and for a change many did come out to watch before retreating back to the groaning board. Good company, and a good time enjoyed by all.

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Saturday, February 7
 Celebrate the 16th Anniversary of the
 Norvan-Bellevue Sisterhood
 at the
Wine and Cheese Party
 featuring
 Rookie of the Year Award
 Graduation and Pledging
 of New Members
 Fine Wines & Cheeses
 Door Prizes
 Lynn Valley RecCentre
 1900 for 2000
 \$20 per person
 Tickets: ORILEA (980-7975)
 or ELISE (987-5789)

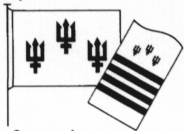
CROOZ  NOOZ

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.

March 28	Student Cruise and BBQ	Deep Cove
May 22-24	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove
July 31-August 2	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemasters **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) or **Guy Cooper** (983-2058). We look forward to seeing you there!.

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER



As I sit to write this article, I can not help but feel somewhat lethargic. I have just spent the holiday season, a very important time of the year, trapped between the desire to spend time with friends and loved ones and the savage onslaught of a nasty cold. The cold bug kicked my butt big time just after New Year's.

This may come across as an unusual way to bring to light the most important part of CPS, the Power Squadron people. One has only to look around the room during events such as the Bar-B-Q after a student cruise or during our Carole Ship Watching event, but also perhaps your own Christmas or even New Years Eve festivities and I would be surprised if you did not find someone from this organization, who's friendship has enriched your life. My own life and home is constantly full of friends and even family which I have acquired since my involvement in CPS. The

solid foundation upon which these relationships are formed has started out simply with a common interest and a sense of humor, and grew to include some of the most important people in my life. I have also seen friends come together who had been apart for a period of time from a chance meeting during a CPS event. As we all know CPS has a mission statement to teach safe boating, which is a benefit to all who share the water. My greatest reward has to be my friends and loved ones that my involvement has brought to me. Thank you CPS

It is now mid January and the end of my term as Squadron Commander nears. Along with the many tasks which must be accomplished by the squadron bridge is the dreaded soliciting of gifts from local businesses for door prizes at our Squadron COW. On behalf of our socials officers, I would ask each

member of Norvan Squadron to assist in the acquisition of a donation from an employer or local business. These prizes are a nice reminder of a wonderful evening in the years to come. I will take the liberty to thank each of you, in advance, for your positive response to this request.

I will also take a moment to thank **Elise** and **Orilea** for a job well done during our December social. The potluck snacks at the Carol Ship Watching turned out very successful and the weather cooperated so the view of the boats was fantastic.

Throughout the year one of my goals for this squadron was to have more member participation. I approached this with a very narrow view and totally misused the resource of our membership. Across the country there are concerns regarding shrinking class sizes, member retention, and a whole list of other little problems. Here is where member participation expands beyond the narrow view of the Social Butterfly. Each of us must pitch in. If any one has a comment or suggestion that will aid in the continued success of Norvan Squadron, please do not hesitate to contact me. All contributions gratefully received and will be given serious consideration.

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TRAINING TOPICS

Spring Class Under Way

Spring 2004 Boating Course registration was held on January 13th with a total of 26 students. Although the numbers are fewer than we would like, it makes for an intimate class which I am sure will have a great deal of fun while learning to be safe when out on the water.

And Help Arrives

I am also pleased to report that we have a few past students who have stepped forward to assist the training department by offering their proctoring services. It is always good to see past students become part of the team.

Cruise Along

This year, our **Student Cruise** will be set for **March 28**, 2004. If you are able to offer your vessel for this event, I know **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) would welcome your call.

VHF A Must

The VHF Course is set for **March 18**, 2004 at the Hollyburn Sailing Club. If you don't have your Restricted Radio Operators Licence, give me a call and arrange to get it before the summer begins.

And...

My thanks to both **Elise Shepherd** and **Orilea Martell** for their efforts with the Christmas Party. The potluck theme was extremely successful. Thank you both for a job well done.

Sally Skelton, STO



Social Notes

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

February 7

Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 10

Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 14

Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 1

Change of Watch Party

Cheers Restaurant


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

Super Speaker at March Social

Our least formal event of the year - yes, even more laid back than the Crab Feast - will take place at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on March 10. As we munch on cookies and other goodies we will be treated to a presentation by Cpl. **Anne Clarke**, RCMP, Provincial Coordinator, Coastal Watch Program.

Coastal Watch is an initiative begun by the Drug Enforcement Branch, its purpose being to educate the public regarding the types of information that should be reported to the RCMP (relative to drug importation) and to encourage citizens to call and report any suspicious activities and, secondly, to gather, analyze and disseminate the incoming information.

Cpl. Clarke Joined the RCMP in 1982, and her career has included a 6 month undercover job in Eastern Canada targeting organized crime. She has served on the RCMP Patrol Vessel *Harvison* in the Gulf Islands, and recently stepped down as President of the Anti-Smuggling Investigators Association, a multi-agency group of international law enforcement officers, who meet bi-annually for training, intelligence exchange and familiarization purposes.



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Hope that 2004 is a good one for you

John

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Gardiner again becomes the Chief Commander of CPS.

November and December

Crab Feast and Auction hit by flu, reducing us to 86 attendees. Good weather (eventually) and potluck banquet features of great **Christmas Party**.

All in all, another very good year!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

MARCH SOCIAL NIGHT

Meet new friends, greet old friends
Guest speaker
Coffee, cookies
just an old time getogether.

HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB
Wednesday, **March 10** at 1900

STUDENTS - YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS!

!!!! ALERT!!!!

Yes, it is now Roster update time. If you have changed your address, telephone number and/or spouse, or have bought a new boat or sold the old one, please get the info to **Frank Horvat** at **984-0723** (phone or fax) or e-mail to fhorvat2656@aol.com ASAP (or sooner).

FLOTSAM

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

Hope that 2004 is starting off as a winner. It is for me - apparently there is a candidate for the HA out there, and I am just waiting for particulars. Don't let this early entry discourage others from trying to win this prestigious award. Now, back to the foolishness t **Marine Maintenance**: you need only 2 tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use duct tape t **A Little Zen**: before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes t **Politically Incorrect Question**: what do you call a smart blonde? t **Zen II**: give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day [sound familiar, *Puddle Dumpers*?] t **Mystery**: on the old *Hollywood Squares Show*, asked the question "If you've been having trouble going to sleep are you probably a man or a woman" *Don Knotts* replied "that's what's been keeping me awake", while *Charley Weaver* responded to "if you're going to make a parachute jump, you should be at least how high" with "three days of steady drinking should do it" t **Advice Du Jour**: some people are working backstage, some are playing in the orchestra, some are on stage singing, some are in the audience as critics and some are there to appluad. Know who and where you are t **Politically Incorrect Answer**: a golden retriever t **And**: thanks again to **Gary Larson** [*The Far Side Gallery*] for inadvertently giving us today's cartoon t

