



ANCHOR WATCH



The official newsletter of Norvan Power & Sail

EDITOR: TOM SYMONS

Call Norvan at 904-6780, visit us at www.norvan-cps.org

JANUARY 2006

The Year In Review

Norvan Thrived in 2005

For the past 5 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 continue this tradition. Remember:



Incoming!

January

Spring Boating Class lands 24, up from 21 in last year's class. Bellevue's Crab Feed another roaring success, with 164 (26 or so from Norvan) coming to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 15 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser). Of course, their ticket price is \$22 US, while ours is 20 Beaver Bucks, and the exchange alone will buy us a beer or

two, but less than last year.

February and March

Only 56 happy partiers (as opposed to 81 last year), including elements of the Fall Boating course graduating class, Norbellers (joint Norvan and Bellevue members) and guests from PMD enjoyed the **Wine & Cheese Party**. Three new Members, including one bagged from Bellevue, were pledged. Our fabulous Public Relations Officer **Jim Reid** took the Rookie of the Year Award. March **Student Cruise** lures 11 students to a grey Sunday outing, where once again all survived **Guy Cooper's** culinary artistry. Attendance at **March Social Night** was up to 33 (vs. 26 last year), and enjoyed a talk by our own **Colin Dean** on his mostly single handed cruise to Alaska.

April

Bob Lowden retires as our Commander and **Sally Skelton** grabs the crown, to the amusement of the usual lousy attendance at the **AGM**, then turns in the longest bio in the history of this fine publication. The **Change of Watch** featured a reasonable turnout (61), a sit down dinner, a maintained low price, **Bob Lowden** and **Rhonda Jones** receiving Life Member Awards, **Orilea Martell** winning the Kania Award for

service, **Bob Johnston** the Ede Award for training and **Gus Decock** the HA Award for noteworthy incompetence.

May

Commander's Cruise blessed with lousy weather and resultant low attendance (33 Norvanners, down from 52 last year, plus 30 from Coquitlam). Norvan loses the bocce ball tournament to those Easterners yet again, and added the cribbage tournament to the loss column. The ball toss and the bucket race were rained out, but the photo contest survived.

June to August

Flawless weather for the **NorBel Rendezvous**, with 15 boats vs. 23 last year (5 from Norvan, 7 from Bellevue), total way down from last year, continuing low participation causing concern.

September and October

37 (vs. 24 last year) register for Boating Class, for 2005 total of 61 (vs. 45). At the National AGM, **Tony Gardiner**, **Ronni Jones** and **Carole Murray** stay on as National Officers. Lousy weather for the **Student Cruise** and, to the amazement of all, **Frank Porrato**, the new cook, kept the unblemished record of no fatalities in-

(Continued on page 4, see 2005)

CHRISTMAS PARTY PERFECT

Last year, 13 stalwarts found time for this event. This year, at least 47 found the Christmas spirit (and free spirits). The Social Committee's elves (**Marsha Cullimore** and **Lillian Hickman**) established a festive atmosphere, while the found-ins contributed delicious fare

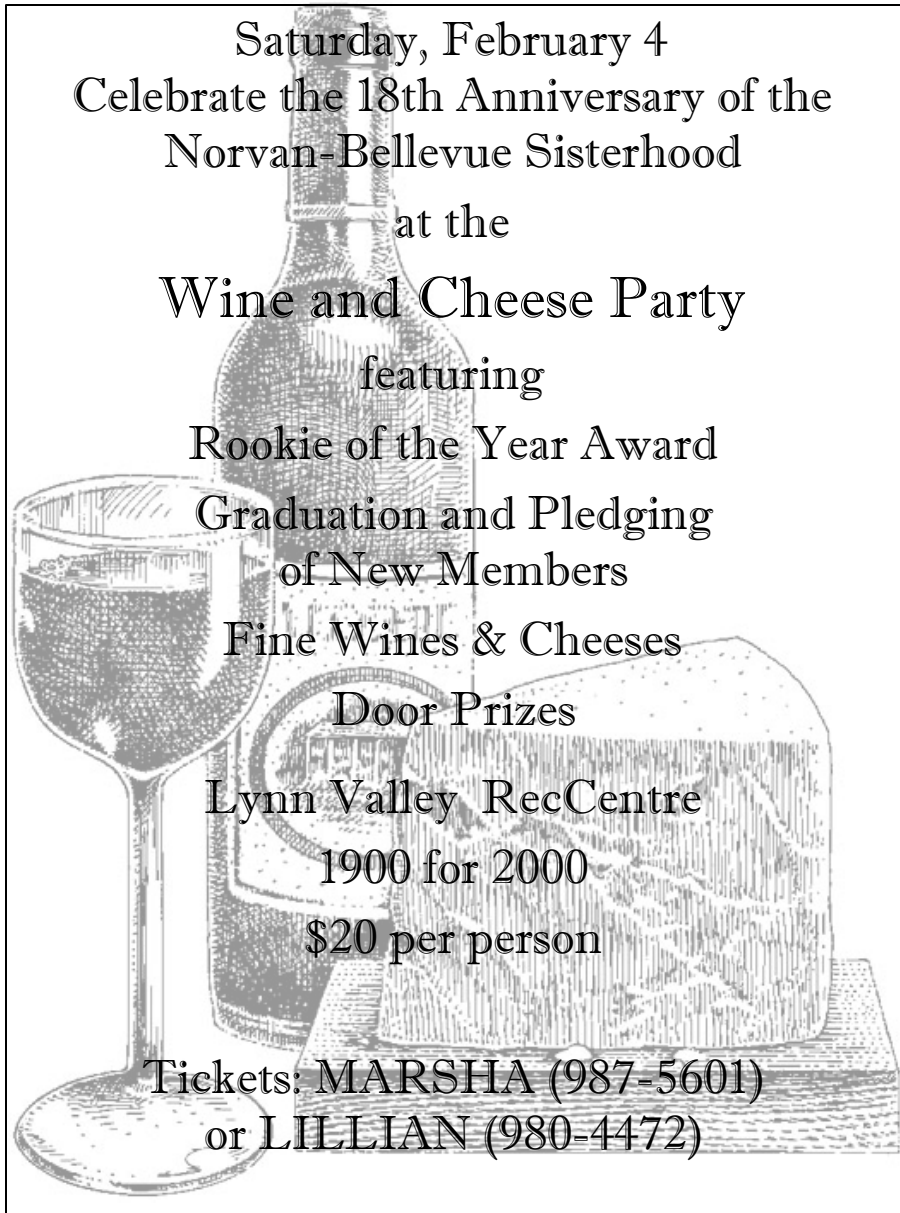


which has become the hallmark of this festival. The night was clear and, as promised, the Carol Ships (fewer in number this year) appeared on schedule, putting Hollyburn Sailing Club's deck in peril as the masses crowded out to

Norvan's Executive

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

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



Saturday, February 4
Celebrate the 18th 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: MARSHA (987-5601)
or LILLIAN (980-4472)

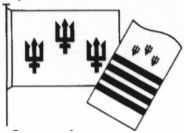
CROOZ  NOOZ

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.

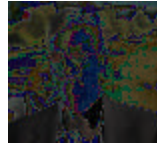
March 5	Student Cruise and BBQ	Deep Cove
May 20-22	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove
August 5-7	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemaster **Frank Poratto** (913-9092). We look forward to seeing you there!.

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER



I hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas and are now ready to face the joys as well as the challenges of the New Year.

The news of the day is The National Maritime Museum of Canada is relocating to North Vancouver. With an inviting proposal from the City of North Vancouver together with grants from both Federal and Provincial Governments the decision has been made to relocate the Maritime Museum to North Vancouver. I, along with the District Commander, **Doris Trelenberg**, and last year's National Training Officer, **Peter Girling**, will be attending the "ground breaking" ceremonies representing Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons as well as Norvan Squadron. It would seem that North Vancouver will soon become the Maritime Centre for Canada. As you are probably already aware, Norvan holds its courses at the BCIT Marine Training Institute on West Esplanade at the present time. With the relocation of the Maritime Museum, we will have

the option of holding courses at this new facility also.

The annual Student Graduation, Wine & Cheese social is fast approaching. I would encourage you to attend. Welcome the new members from the Fall Boating Course, congratulate those who took and successfully passed the advanced and elective courses, meet and congratulate Norvan's "Rookie of the Year", meet and encourage the Spring Boating Course students and find out more about what is happening on the maritime scene in North Vancouver.

Norvan has a number of socials and cruises each year, and much time and effort is put into organizing these events for you by volunteer members. Your attendance at these events not only sends a message to the present volunteers who put their efforts into producing the best event they possibly can, but also encourages new members to step up to the plate and continue in the footsteps of their predecessors and promotes them to

put their own ideas to work to improve them. With each event I attend, I find myself closer to friends I have known for a few years as well as extending this friendship base by meeting new people. When I gave my Commander's Address to the Boating Course Students last year, one of the reasons I gave them to join Norvan Squadron was the camaraderie.

Almost a year ago, I was asked if I would Chair the Advertising and Promotion section for the 2006 National Conference to be held here in Vancouver. The committee meets each month to share ideas, as well as contacts for the numerous tasks involved in organizing such an event. At one of these meetings, another member of the committee made the comment "Sally, you know a lot of people" (actually the comment ended with the word "men"). After thinking about this comment, I realized that most of the contacts I had suggested are people I had met through CPS socials.

On January 14th, I travelled to the Bellevue's Crab Feed. Since joining Norvan, I have attended this event each year and have thoroughly enjoyed the feast, good company, great atmosphere and the highlight of trying

(Continued on page 4, see Commander)

TRAINING TOPICS

Students Succeed

A very successful Fall Boating Course finished on December 13. Thirty five students wrote the exam, thirty one passed on the first sitting. Three re-wrote the exam on January 10th. Thanks are due to **Les Johnson** for his time invigilating both sittings. Fifteen of the students signed up to become members of Norvan Power and Sail Squadron. All fourteen of **Paige Ackerman's** VHF students will receive their certificates. Thanks go to **Sally Skelton** and **John Atkinson** for helping with the exam marking.

And The Show Goes On

January 10th was the opening night for the Spring Boating Season. 50 students registered as **Stan Shepherd** calmly worked his way through the lineup and the students picked up their materials and got ready for the next 13 weeks of instruction and study. The distribution of course materials was made so much easier with help of **Commander Sally**, **Colin Cullimore** and **Pat and Ted Lewis**. **Colin** once again provided us with our fall schedules which were handed out with the class supplies. **Eric Worthly** did the general overview of the course manuals and how to use the schedule. **Sally** gave a brief talk on VHF, its place in boating and the availability of the course through the Power Squadron. Thanks to **Paige** and **Kirk Kohn** for the background entertainment.

The next night **Jim Reid** started his spring Marine Maintenance course with

(Continued on page 4, see Training)



Social Notes

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

February 4

Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 22

Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

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!

FREE MOORAGE (if you take the Students for a cruise)
FREE BOAT RIDE (if you proctor)
**FREE HAMBURGERS
AND HOT DOGS**
(if you take the Students for a cruise, proctor,
or simply show up)
SUCH A DEAL!
Norvan's Student Cruise
Sunday, **March 5**, Deep Cove
For details call **Frank Poratto**, 913-9092

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
MARCH SOCIAL NIGHT**
Meet new friends, greet old friends
"Paige Ackerman and Kirk Kohn's
Cruising The Greek Islands"
Coffee, cookies, beer, wine
Enjoy an old time gettogether.
HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB
Wednesday, March 22 at 1900

(2005, continued from page 1)
tact.

November and December

Crab Feast and Auction has same attendance as last year (83) and was a great party. Considerable improvement for the **Christmas Party** (47+, as opposed to 13 last year), with those attending being treated to a carol ship display and great finger food.

All in all, not a bad year.

(Training, continued from page 3)

7 students. We were fortunate to have the use of the Hollyburn Sailing Club facilities for this class.

VHF Anyone?

The VHF course is scheduled to start February 16th and run through to March 9^h. For information, call me at 904-6780 as we get closer to the date.

Kudos

Many thanks to all who have helped out - especially the **Proctors** and **Instructors** who deserve so much credit. Their dedication truly shows what CPS is - **Volunteers Teaching Safe Boating.**

In Closing...

On behalf of the entire Training Department, take care and stay safe.

Orilea


(Commander, continued from page 3)

to break the Commander's bed for that ever popular "photo op". However, the thought of breaking the Commander's bed for some strange reason does not seem so appealing this year.

I would like to finish this column by wishing you all a successful and prosperous 2006.

Sally

**STUDENTS - YOU ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US
AT ANY OF OUR SOCIALS!**

Raj Vyas
103-1075 Marine Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3T6
604.985.0154 Tel
604.985.0940 Fax
store118@theupsstore.ca
theupsstore.ca/118

The UPS Store

!!!! ALERT!!!!

See your name in print! 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 **John Bunning** at **985-0734** or e-mail to *jbunning@shaw.ca* ASAP (or sooner).

FLOTSAM

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

No scandals to report, so once again I resort to my favourite trivia source, Stephen Pile's *The Return of the Incomplete Book of Failures*, for tonight's bedtime stories ☼ **The Least Successful Human Cannonball:** "in 1972 Miss Mary Connor made three fearless attempts to become the first woman ever to be blasted across the River Avon. On the first occasion the cannon fired and nothing happened. On the second the cannon went off at half cock and she swept gracefully into the air getting at least half-way across the river. However, her personal best came on the third attempt when she arrived, wearing a bandage around her ankle and plasters on both elbows, while explaining to bystanders that she had grazed them coming out of the cannon. She not only flew out this time and went into the river, back first, at exactly the same spot as before, but also capsized the rescue boat and had to swim to the bank. This entirely surpasses the previous record, held by Miss Rita Thunderbird, who remained in the cannon while her bra was shot across the River Thames." [note the nautical references - Ed.] ☼ **The Woman Who Couldn't:** "In the 1970's a woman reporter, working for the Daily Mirror, was chided by her colleagues that she couldn't organize a piss-up in a brewery. Piqued by this comment, she announced that the following week contained her birthday and she would be arranging a party at Fuller's Brewery in Chiswick. With a touch of sheer brilliance, she put the wrong day on the noticeboard and revellers turned up twenty-four hours early." [O.K., not nautical, just funny -



Testing