



# ANCHOR WATCH



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## The Year In Review

# Norvan Clicks in 2006

*For the past 6 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 50, well up from 24 in last year's class. Bellevue's Crab Feed another roaring success, with 152 (14 or so from Norvan) coming to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 14 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser). Of course, their ticket price is \$22 US,

while ours was a mere 20 Beaver Bucks, a bargain which was apparently offset by the aforementioned freebie.

### February and March

70 happy partiers (as opposed to 56 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**. A record 15 new Members (vs. 3 last year) were pledged. Our fabulous Public Relations Officer **Guy Cooper** took the Rookie of the Year Award, in absentia, which surprised him since he was not a first year member. March **Student Cruise** lures 28 students to a typically drizzly Sunday outing, where all survived **Mike Hickman's** culinary artistry. Attendance at **March Social Night** was up to 37 (vs. 33 last year), and enjoyed a talk by our own **Paige Ackerman** on her and **Kirk Kohn's** Greek Islands cruise, spoiled only by a picture of Kirk in a Speedo.

### April

**Sally Skelton** retires as our Commander and **Jim Reid** grabs the throne, to the amusement of the usual lousy attendance at the **AGM**. The throng then retired to the free beer to recover from this exercise in democracy, only to be regaled

with a review of the CPS Strategic Plan by Past Chief **Tony Gardiner**. The **Change of Watch** featured a reasonable turnout (65), a sit down dinner, a maintained low price, **Pam Boudreau** receiving Life Member Awards, **Paige Ackerman** winning the Kania Award for service, **Orilea Martell** the Ede Award for training and **Frank Poratto** (in absentia, and just as well) the HA Award for noteworthy incompetence.

### May

**Commander's Cruise** blessed with some sprinkles and resultant low attendance (23 Norvanners, down from 33 last year and 52 in 2004, plus slightly more from Coquitlam). Norvan sweeps the bocce ball and cribbage tournaments, plus the water balloon toss.

### June to August

Flawless weather for the **NorBel Rendezvous** resulted in a drop in attendance with 12 boats vs. 15 last year (only 2 from Norvan, 10 from Bellevue), continuing low participation causing concern and an editorial blast, with an unanswered request for improvement suggestions.

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY SUPREME

A record turnout of 52+ found the Christmas spirit (and free spirits) at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on December 18 irresistible. The Social Committee's elves (**Marsha Cullimore** and **Lillian Hickman**, with spouse helpers **Colin** and **Mike**) established a festive atmosphere, while the found-ins



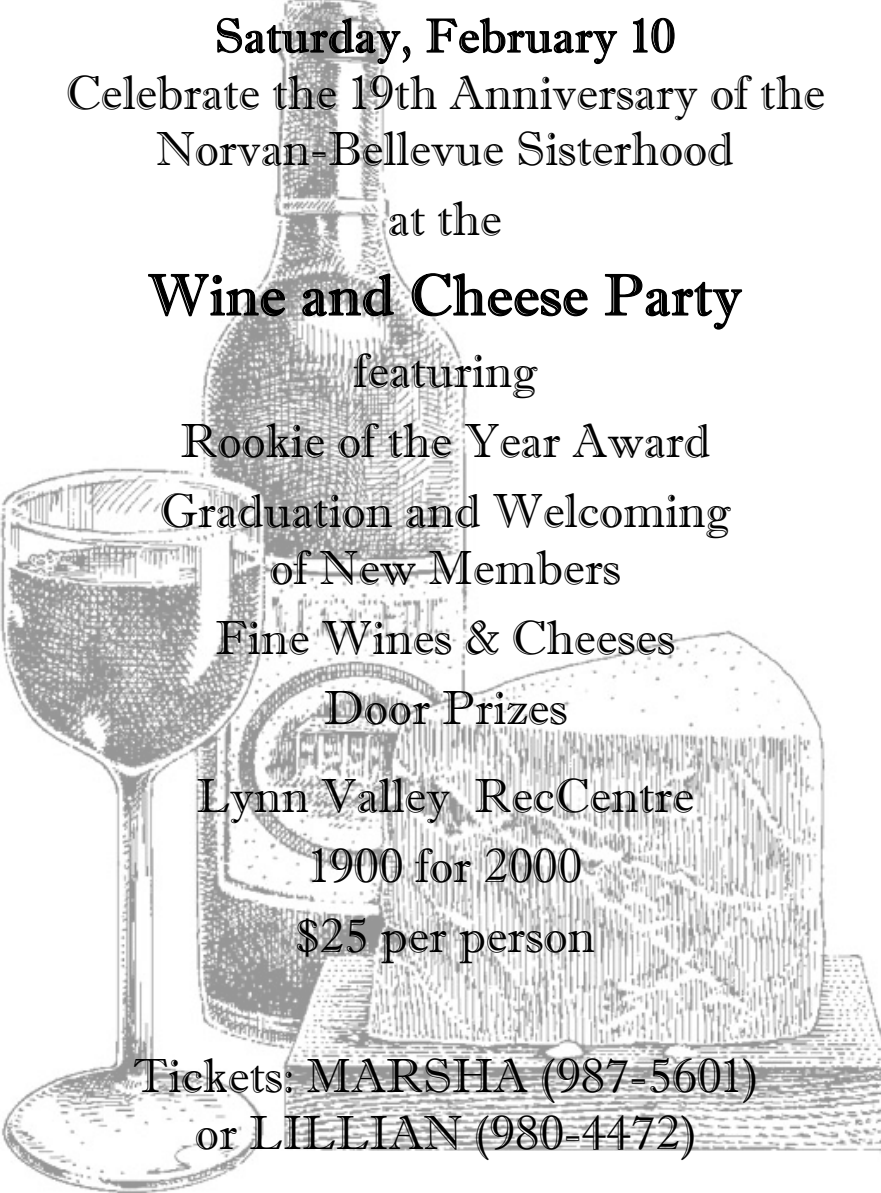
contributed delicious fare which has become the hallmark of this festival. The night was dampish but, as promised, the Carol

Ships (way fewer in number this year) appeared on schedule, largely ignored by the assemblage who celebrated inside with their fellow Norvanners.

**Norvan's Executive**

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<b>Administrative Officer</b>	
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1st Lt Colin Cullimore	987-5601
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<b>Assistant Training (Chief Proctor)</b>	
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<b>Privacy Officer</b>	
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<b>Socials Officer</b>	
Lt Marsha Cullimore	987-5601
<b>Socials Officer</b>	
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P/Cdr Sally Skelton	986-0313

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**Saturday, February 10**  
 Celebrate the 19th Anniversary of the  
 Norvan-Bellevue Sisterhood  
 at the  
**Wine and Cheese Party**  
 featuring  
 Rookie of the Year Award  
 Graduation and Welcoming  
 of New Members  
 Fine Wines & Cheeses  
 Door Prizes  
 Lynn Valley RecCentre  
 1900 for 2000  
 \$25 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 11	<b>Student Cruise and BBQ</b>	Deep Cove
May 19-21	<b>Commander's Cruise</b>	Snug Cove
August 4-6	<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**



# COMMANDER'S CORNER



Welcome back. I trust that everyone had a very enjoyable holiday. I wish each and everyone a very happy new year. Apart from the usual new years resolutions, January is a time for renewal, a new year and a new start. So after a relaxing end to 2006, here we go again.

We have started our new Boating Course, which has been very heavily subscribed, as well as offering Marine Maintenance and VHF radio. It is kind of invigorating getting back into action.

For your enjoyment we have our **Wine and Cheese Party**, being held February 10. I have been advised by our socials committee that all preparations are well under way, so mark this date on your calendar.

While on the fun scene, note that our March Social will be held on

March 14 and will feature **Steve MacDonald**, an excellent speaker, on B.C. Marine Parks Forever. This topic should be of considerable interest to any person who cruises our B.C. waters.

Another important date is the Boat Show, being held from February 7 through February 11 at B.C. Place. While the winds of January threatened to make this an outdoor venue, be assured the repairs have now been completed and we can enjoy the event in warm indoor comfort.

As you may have heard, **Rob Kay** was rushed to the hospital on Christmas Day. Rob has since returned home. For years Rob and Debbie have been proctoring in the Boating Course. Sharing their boating and sailing experience with

our students has been a contributing factor to the success of the course. We look forward to Rob's return.

I can hardly believe that my term as Commander will be coming to an end very shortly. It has been a steep learning curve but I have been so fortunate to have the support from a very talented bridge and experienced squadron members. Currently we are planning for next year and I would encourage those who would like to join us on next year's bridge. Personally I have found serving on the bridge has been a very rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to learn more about CPS and the importance of such an organization to promote safe and enjoyable boating. Please consider joining the bridge. We can only get better by benefit of new ideas and the expertise that you bring with you. Did I mention the camaraderie that membership in such a role provides? Do not hesitate to get involved, your input would be most welcomed.

*Jim*

## TRAINING TOPICS

### Success!

Wow, Norvan's members have been busy! Thank you for making our Boating Course so great! Norvan has a terrific team and we should be proud of our accomplishments! Throughout the course I heard many students speaking very highly of the proctors, instructors and of Norvan and I think this shows in the marks. As well, 5 students graduated from Marine Maintenance and 19 students graduated from the VHF course with their DSC Certificate.

### Great Boating Results

Norvan had 33 students sign up for the fall Boating Course, of which 27 wrote the PCOC exam and passed and 29 wrote the Boating Exam and passed. Our marks are very high in both exams - in the Boating Exam one person was in the 70 to 79% range, seven people in the 80 to 89% range and 21 people in the 90 to 100% range. This means 74% of the students are in the 90% range and two boating students got 99% on their exams.

### And For 2007 ..

For January Norvan has 34 Boating students and 6 Marine Maintenance students signed up for another term. Due to the winter storms, registration was slow but we now have full classes. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Weather course despite the great advertising by the PRO due to conflicts but we have intentions of advertising the course for September. We do have some weather textbooks in stock for \$49 and they are a great deal with some excellent charts to go with a great textbook.

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## Social Notes



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

February 10

### Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 14

### Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 18

### Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 12

### Change of Watch Party

Cheers Restaurant

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

### Did You Know That

The Student Cruise "Luncheon" is open to all members, whether you are participating in the Cruise or not. Come on out and see your friends!

**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 11**, Deep Cove  
 For details call **Frank Poratto**, 913-9092

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
 MARCH SOCIAL NIGHT**  
 Meet new friends, greet old friends,  
 hear **Steve MacDonald** on  
**"B.C. Marine Parks Forever"**  
 Coffee, cookies, beer, wine  
 Enjoy an old time gettogether.  
**HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB**  
**Wednesday, March 14 at 1900**

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**September and October**

34 (vs. 37 last year) register for Boating Class, for 2006 total of 84 (vs. 61). At the National AGM, held in Vancouver, **Tony Gardiner**, **Ronni Jones** and **Carole Murray** stay on as National Officers. Lousy weather (again) for the **Student Cruise** and, to the amazement of all, **Frank Poratto**, the returning cook, kept the unblemished record of no fatalities intact.

**November and December**

**Crab Feast and Auction** features a higher price, which results in an increased attendance (92 vs. 83 last year) and was a great party. Further improvement for the **Christmas Party** (52+, as opposed to 47 last year), with those attending being treated to a carol ship display and great finger food.

All in all, not a bad year.

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**PCOC For All**

If you're thinking of getting the family to operate a boat, please ensure they obtain their Pleasure Craft Operator Card. You can order the text online at CPS-ECP and you can write the exam through Norvan for a fee of \$20. Just contact me to arrange a date and time.

**Bear With Us**

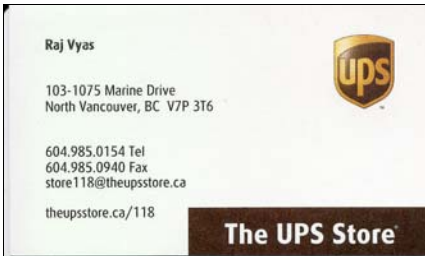
For you advanced boaters who take handheld Magnetic bearings, remember in an emergency you can plot your magnetic bearings with the "inner circle" of your compass rose to avoid using the TVMDC tables.

The bearings should be labeled as "M" magnetic on your chart. This method of navigation is used by the old navigators and it allows you to instantly plot a two bearing fix on a chart.  
*STO Keith*

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

**!!!! 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 the results of my research ☼ **Pre-Christmas Turkey?** last month we featured the spelling hilarities to be found *The Province's* sports section. To save readers the trouble of reading the whole article this time, they indicated in a sub-headline on December 17, with respect to the recent basketball brawl which started with a flagrant misdemeanor, "Fowl triggers Knicks-Nuggets fight". Funny, has the same effect on me ☼ **District Commander Has Tough Times:** in his report to the District Council in December, D/C **Art Rendell** stated that he had attended Capilano's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Surdel/White Rock's Christmas dinner, and "would like to thank the Commanders and members of these Squadrons for their hostility". In the past, we have extended him our hospitality, obviously unnecessarily ☼ **Memories:** this being the issue for reminiscing (and filling space) let's go back to this column in January, 2001: "**Quote of the Year:** from **Goldie Hawn** of *Laughin* fame: "why don't they have Christmas in July when the stores aren't so crowded?" ☼ **And** from Bellingham Squadron's *Bell Signals:* Boating is not dangerous. Sinking is dangerous ☺ There are 3 rules for properly docking a boat. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are ☺ A gale is nature's way of saying "up yours" ☺ A comment about how well things are going is a guarantee of trouble ☺ In the old days, boating was dangerous and sex was safe; now it's the other way around ☺ Any boater who relies on a weather forecast is a likely purchaser of the Brooklyn Bridge" ☼ .



**The Troublemaker**