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The Year In Review

2007 Not Quite Heaven

For the past 7 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:



Outgoing!

January

Spring Boating Class lands 34, way down from 50 in last year's class. Bellevue's Crab Feed another roaring success, with 188 (14 or so from Norvan) coming to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 27 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser). Governing Board dumps most ranks and the dress uniform.

February and March

46 happy partiers (as opposed to 70 last year), including elements of the Fall Boating course graduating class, Norbellers (joint Norvan and Bellevue members) and guests from PMD enjoyed a quiet evening at the **Wine & Cheese Party**. Only 2 new Members (vs. a record 15 last year) were pledged. Our super Social Officers, **Marsha Cullimore** and **Lillian Hickman**, jointly took the Rookie of the Year Award. March **Student Cruise** lures 13 students to a still typically drizzly Sunday outing, where all survived **Frank Poratto's** culinary artistry. Attendance at **March Social Night** was down to 20 (vs. 37 last year), and all enjoyed a talk by **Steve MacDonald** about the work of the B.C. Marine Parks Forever Society.

April

Jim Reid retires as our Commander and **Guy Cooper** seizes the reigns in absentia, 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, then were treated to a talk on the new Regulations by **Chris Seeley**. The **Change of Watch** featured a reasonable turnout (68), a sit down dinner, a higher

price, **Stan Shepherd** winning the Kania Award for service, **Jim Reid** the Ede Award for training, new Members **Sophie and Andrew Riddehough** earning the rarely given Al Wings Trophy for rendering assistance to a person afloat who was disabled or in distress and **Sally Skelton** garnering the HA Award for noteworthy incompetence, having unsuccessfully attempted to hang this prestigious honour on her mate **John Atkinson**.

May

Commander's Cruise blessed with torrential downpours and resultant low attendance. No report on prizes won or lost, the events presumably being dumped due to the inclemency.

June to August

Flawless weather for the **NorBel Rendezvous**, plus a blast from the Editor on poor attendance in 2006, resulted in a increased attendance with 5 boats (vs. 2 last year) and 12 Members from Norvan, 10 boats and 20 Members from Bellevue.

September and October

38 (vs. 34 last year) register for Boating Class, for 2007 total of 72 (vs. 84). At the National AGM, held in

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BOARD GROANS, GRADS GRAZE

A record turnout of 60+ found the Christmas spirit (and free spirits) at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on December 18 irresistible. The Social Committee's elves (**Pam Boudreau and Nancy Johnson**)



The Fall '07 Graduating Class

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, albeit going into False Creek, not past West Vancouver, and were largely

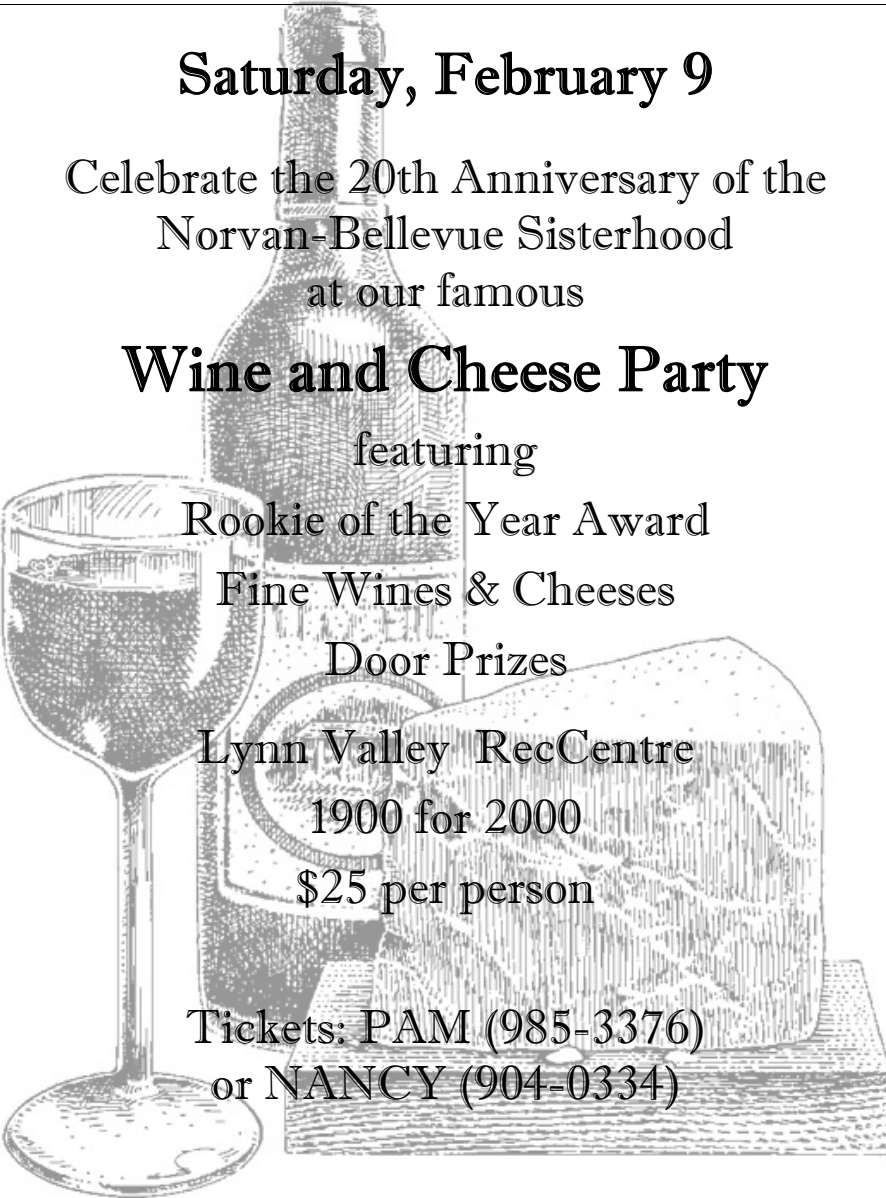
ignored by the assemblage who celebrated inside with their

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Saturday, February 9

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the
Norvan-Bellevue Sisterhood
at our famous

Wine and Cheese Party

featuring

Rookie of the Year Award
Fine Wines & Cheeses
Door Prizes

Lynn Valley RecCentre
1900 for 2000
\$25 per person

Tickets: PAM (985-3376)
or NANCY (904-0334)

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 2	Student Cruise and BBQ	Deep Cove
May 17-19	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove
August 2-4	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemasters **Frank Poratto** (913-9092) re student cruise or **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) re others. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Out with the Old. Norvan is off to the races this New Year with courses and events. The Boating Course has started with a near capacity crowd, the Marine Maintenance elective and the advanced course, Piloting, have just started with more to come. Stay tuned for VHF starting in February and Navigating with GPS in the Spring.

Past Events. As described herein, the Norvan **Christmas Party** was a blast. We had a great turn-out of Boating course graduates, who by their (and Norvan's) good fortune were automatically memberized (look it up, it could be a word). They were the inaugural grad class to enjoy the first-year-on-us (ok, on them) membership

program.

Future Events. Just when you are recovering from our whirlwind course schedule, Norvan's social activities kick in. The **Bellevue Crab Feed** takes place in Mercer Island, Washington on January 26 in sync with the Seattle Boat Show. Next on the hit parade is Norvan's **Wine and Cheese** extravaganza on February 9.

The **March 5th Socials** event at Hollyburn Sailing Club features a special guest speaker, the adventurer, writer and photographer **Anthony Dalton**. A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Explorers Club, he has travelled to "triple a" places including the

Sahara, the mountains of Afghanistan and the Australian outback. His adventure and boating-related articles have been published in magazines and newspapers in 20 countries and in nine languages. The price is right (\$zero) and refreshments are offered.

Letters to Commander I don't get much mail, but I was touched by a letter send by Mrs. **Kathryn (Kay) Shafer** of Oswego, NY. She commented on how much her late husband's (USPS Member P/R/C **Paul M. Shafer**, SN) membership in Norvan meant to him. Mr. Shafer, who passed away this past summer was a National officer involved with advanced training. Our heartfelt condolences our offered to you, Mrs. Shafer, and thanks for your letter.

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TRAINING TOPICS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND WE'RE OFF

That was quite the year 2007 for the Training department!! What with a **new** STO, some **new** Proctors, **new** course material, **new** students, and **new** courses offered, we were kept very busy, but we did it. Thank goodness for a **New Year**. Many thanks goes out to all the great people in Norvan who helped me through this first year as STO. I have learned a lot and could not have done it without you.

THE GRADS

The Fall Boating course finished up with **29 students** passing the course! Their Graduation was held a week later at the Christmas social at the Hollyburn Sailing Club. Had a great turn-out with 22 doing the Pledge. It was great to see them all mingling with all their "New" Norvan buddies. Fun was had by everyone there.

NEW ONES ON DECK

The Training Department is very excited to welcome 3 new Proctors to our Crew: **Frank & Laurette Mogridge** and **Ron Hanson**. They are graduates from the September boating class. Welcome Aboard.

COURSES ONGOING

We have all our courses set up now for the Spring with some already under way. The **Boating Course** started up on January 8 with 45 students registered down at BCIT. **Marine Maintenance** at Hollyburn Sailing Club with **Jim Reid** and **Kirk Kohn** as instructors has 13, **Piloting** at the Molly Nye House has 21 signed up and **VHF**, starting February 4 with **Paige Ackerman** down at Burrard Yacht Club, has 15 ready to come. Weather has 11 on its list, GPS has 8, and we are searching for instructors here for late Spring. Please call if you are interested in teaching or attending.

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Social Notes



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

January 26

Bellevue's Crab Feed

VFW Hall, Mercer Island

February 9

Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 5

Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 16

Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 24

COW+50th Anniversary Party

Cheers Restaurant

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

**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**

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
MARCH SOCIAL NIGHT**
Meet new friends, greet old friends,
hear noted author, sailor and adventurer
Anthony Dalton
Coffee, cookies, beer, wine
Enjoy an old time gettogether.
HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB
Wednesday, March 5 at 1900

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Ottawa, **Tony Gardiner, Ronni Jones** and **Carole Murray** stay on as National Officers. Lousy weather (yes, again) for the **Student Cruise**, 24 students brave the elements and, to the amazement of all, rookie chef **Mike Hickman** kept the unblemished record of no fatalities intact.

November and December

Crab Feast and Auction also features a higher price, which results in a decreased attendance (72 vs. 92 last year) but was a great party. Further improvement for the **Christmas Party** (60+, as opposed to 52 last year), with those attending being treated to a carol ship display well offshore and virtually ignored, the presence and pledging into membership of 22 Fall class grads (a shift from the following Wine & Cheese Party pledging from prior years) and great finger food.

All in all, not a great year, but not a bad year either. We'll be great in 2008!

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fellow Norvanners.

A highlight this year was the graduation and welcome into membership of 22 students from the Fall Boating class. As appears in Guy's column, successfully completing Boating now makes one a CPS Member (whether one wishes to be one or not) and judging from the enthusiasm shown by the latest Norvanners the idea really works. The degree to which they fended off the relentless hunting by Cdr. Guy (Bridge position anyone?) proves that they were made of stern stuff indeed. Welcome one and all!

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AND ..

In closing, I would like to thank **Web Teetzel** again for all his magnificent ways of advertising. It has sure kept us busy!! Also a huge thank you to **Joe & Cheryl Inkster** for doing such an amazing job with all the organization of the material required for all these courses that Norvan puts on. Then of course to my great ATO's for jumping in when needed. Great job crew.

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!!!! 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)

Well, no HA candidates this month, leaving more time to troll The Province for goofs, such as a yacht formerly owned by Saddam Hussein, "tide up yesterday .." [December 17, page C20]. Incidentally, this 82 metre beauty, featuring heads with gold taps, Jacuzzis, steam rooms, high-tech entertainment suites and game parlours, up to 3 flat-screen TVs in almost every cabin, a helicopter pad, a health clinic and operating theatre, a mini-submarine pod, storage for heavy machine guns and surface-to-air missiles and bullet-proof glass throughout, can be had for a mere \$35 million. Too bad I blew all my disposable income on Christmas presents ☼ **Internet Debris:** a fan has contributed the following detritus for your amusement: (1) don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things (2) one tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor (3) atheism is a non-prophet organization ☼ **Points to Ponder:** if a mute swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap? If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong? If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages? If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent? Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny? Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets? And what was the best thing before sliced bread? ☼ **New Year's Resolution:** I resolve to keep printing this excellent material until somebody - anybody - apprises me of some squadron scandal fit to print or, at least, fit to qualify the reportee for one of our most prestigious trophies (well, at least it is big, flashy and suitable for display in any outhouse) ☼

