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Another Mooving Experience

COW WELL DONE

Once again, our **Change of Watch** on May 5 featured a better turnout (68), good food, good cheer, relatively short ceremonies and, for the first time (lately), canned music.

The new Executive was pledged into office by District Secretary **Nancy Gibson**, who also presented numerous Merit Marks, including the 5th (Senior Member) to **Ray Baynes** and **Zale Martell** and the 10th to **Bill Alcock** and **Sally Skelton**. Our semi-fearless leader, **Cdr. Guy**, reported to District, in part, as follows:

“The evening was an exceptional success capped by the pledging of fourteen new members, graduates of the Spring Boating course, who presented gifts to the outgoing **STO Keith O’Connor**, his wife **Karen** and Chief Proctor **Kirk Kohn**, then gave individual testimonials thanking all involved in the Boating course

training.

Tom Symons presented the H.A. Trophy, in what was a tables-turned



P/Cdr Jim and the Riddehoughs, worthy winners

episode, to **Sally Skelton** who had attempted to implicate mate **John Atkinson**. Other winners of more prestigious awards were **Stan Shepherd** for the *Rich Kania Award* for extraordinary service to the Squadron, and **Jim Reid**, the *Arnold Ede Award* for extraordinary service to our training programme.

Two new members, **Sophie and Andrew Riddehough**, described to the group their recent act of heroism and prompt action in rescuing two kayakers in trouble in Indian Arm. They received the rarely given *Al Wings Memorial Award*, which is presented for rendering assistance to a person afloat who is disabled or in distress. They also received a rousing standing ovation from the attendees.”

Guy neglected to add that, after he and mate **Alice Chung** had each received a door prize (almost one for each attendee), he had the temerity to win the 50-50 draw as well. Rank has its privileges, but ...

Thanks to the hard work of our new Socials Committee, **Pam Boudreau** and **Nancy Johnson**, it was a great party (yes, even with a greedy Commander). See you next year!

Raindrops Keep Falling ...

The **Norvan-Coquitlam Commanders’ Cruise** took place over the May long weekend at Snug Cove’s Union Steam Ship Marina on Bowen Island. This year’s event was relaxing and subdued thanks in large part to the heavy rains, especially on the Sunday.

The meal festivities - the Saturday Night Pot Luck Dinner, the Sunday Commanders’ Breakfast and the Sunday night barbecue - were well attended and enjoyed. The first two meals were held inside the all-purpose group rental cabin, and the barbecue



Our Commander, their Cruisemaster

dinner was held in the outside covered picnic area.

In-between times provided opportunities for private relaxation, e.g. sleeping, reading and socializing in both boat and cabins. The group departed for home on Monday well-rested, content, and refreshed from the renewed acquaintances within Norvan and with Coquitlam Squadron. Many thanks to our veteran Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** for his excellent coordination and hard work.

Guy Cooper

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**RECIPE FOR
A GREAT SUMMER CRUISE**

Ingredients (based on 1999 - 2006 experience):

- 1 you and your loved ones aboard your boat
- 2 tour of the beautiful Gulf Islands
- 3 arrival at Maple Bay Marina on Vancouver Island
- 4 don your NorBel shirt (optional)
- 5 three (3) dock (attitude adjustment) parties with 20+ boats on average
- 6 one (1) "Seafood" theme potluck dinner with some 50 friends (theme is flexible)
- 7 one (1) BBQ (charcoal provided), featuring your own meat, salads to share and same friends
- 8 Surprise desserts at each dinner
- 9 Mystery Field Trip, walk about, tour Duncan, go fishing or just kick back

Result: The Official, 10th Annual
Sisterhood Celebration

Norvan - Bellevue Rendezvous

**LOCATION: MAPLE BAY MARINA
AUGUST 4-6 (B.C. DAY LONG WEEKEND)**

\$8 PER HEAD TO OFFSET COSTS

Kids, guests and pets welcome. This an event not to be missed!
To participate in this spectacular simply:

1. call the **Marina** at (250)746-8482 for moorage as soon as possible - moorage is limited. Cash or cheque needed.
2. Call **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) to say you are coming, otherwise no dessert!

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.

July 13-15	District Rendezvous	Snug Cove
August 4-6	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay
October 28	Student Cruise and BBQ	Deep Cove

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER



On the Water. Summertime and the Living is Easy. Our part of the world is blessed with a great climate (easy to say in Summer) and with one of the world's best-protected open ocean boating areas starting from the southern Gulf Islands to Princess Louisa Inlet up to Desolation Sound. Time stands still and there is magic in a night spent on a boat in a calm anchorage on a warm summer evening. It can get so quiet and peaceful that you find yourself whispering so as not to disturb the moment.

COW. Scuzi, I digressed. The Norvan **Change of Watch** in May was great. Thanks to all those who spent many hours preparing and the new Norvan members for their

participation and their toasts to the Norvan training group. Congratulations and thanks to new members and Al Wing Trophy recipients, **Sophie and Andrew Riddehough** who rescued two kayakers in trouble in Indian Arm. **Tom Symons'** tables-turned HA award was one of the best in memory - winner **Sally** unsuccessfully tried to implicate mate **John**.

PMD AGM. I attended my first Pacific Mainland District (PMD) Annual General Meeting (AGM). I learned a lot. One, PMD squadrons are doing well in terms of membership and finances and, two, Norvan has a wealth of members that serve, and have served well, at

District and National levels.

Rob Kay. I have read, to no avail, a bucket of self-help books. **Covey** has made an industry of his seven habits belief. Despite my criticisms, one Covey concept lingers: picture yourself at your own funeral and work your life backwards from there. Norvan member and Boating Course proctor **Rob Kay** may have followed this principle in his life plans. Rob passed away on June 8 and his Memorial Service on Father's Day was amazing and uplifting. The overflowing Boal Chapel was filled with friends and loved-ones including a large compassionate Norvan contingent. Rob was a gentle, funny, intelligent, and passionate soul - I wish I had gotten to know him better. Oh yeah, he was a first class sailor. Rob leaves behind fellow-proctor and wife **Deb**, and kids, **Daryl, Tara,** and **AJ**.

NorBel Cruise. Call Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** to book for the Norvan-Bellevue rendezvous at Maple Bay on the upcoming August long weekend. If you have not been before, try it one time. You won't be disappointed. The weather, location, and people make it.

News Blitzes. Thanks to Norvan's
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TRAINING TOPICS



Hello and Happy Summer to everyone. Its **Pat Lewis** here, Norvan's new STO for 2007/2008. It is a pleasure to be on board with a great crew of very knowledgeable instructors and proctors along with the good times that the Norvan Squadron members offer. They are all very well trained in telling me "do this, write that, send this, don't forget that! What about this, no, not that". Yikes! But all is good; I can do this.

Courses On Tap

The Fall **Boating Course** is set for start up on Tuesday, September 4, at BCIT's Pacific Marine Training Campus, 265 West Esplanade, North Vancouver. We will also be registering for the many elective courses being offered from September through to December. These courses include **Boat Pro** (Saturday, September 22 at Capilano Mall in the Community Room), **VHF** (Monday, October 15 to November 5 at Burrard Yacht Club), **Navigating with GPS, Instructor Training** and **Piloting**. Some dates have not been determined as this goes to print.

For the Spring session, classes will start up again on Tuesday, January 8. Elective courses will include **Marine Maintenance, Weather** and **VHF**. All these courses are offered to anyone interested and NO, you do not need to be a member to attend. Please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail (tandplewis@telus.net) regarding any of the above. I highly recommend taking any one of these courses as the more information and training you have the more comfortable you are on the water for navigation and safety.

New Boys On Staff

I am pleased to tell you that I have 3 ATO's that are helping me out this year. They are **Rob Dyck, Ted Lewis** (my other half) and Chief Proctor **Kirk Kohn**. Also joining us this Fall are 3 new instructors. Please welcome **Colin Cullimore**

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Social Notes

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

November 3

Crab Feast & Auction

Lynn Valley RecCentre

This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow Norvanners. We look forward to seeing **you** there!

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

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Public Relations guy **Web Teetzel** and Training guy **Rob Dyck** for their promotion of Norvan at the July 1 Waterfront park. Our training department is offering five courses this fall including a new Navigating with GPS; call S.T.O. **Pat Lewis** for info. E-mail me at cguycooper@shaw.ca if you have any comments or questions about CPS, Norvan, quantum mechanics, or human relationships. *Cdr Guy*

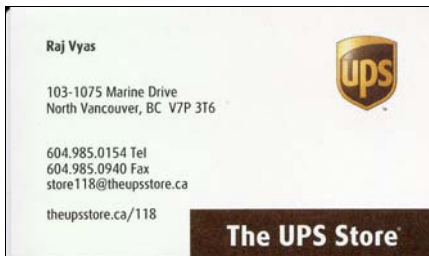
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teaching Before Setting Out, **Frank Poratto** teaching Collision Regulations (how apropos, I'm thinking) and **Ted Lewis** teaching Ropes, Lines and Knots. **Les Johnson** is taking over for **Cameron Cairncross** who has taken off to Campbell River with his job.

And In Closing ...

So there you have it. We are off to a great start and yes, it is a struggle to fill those big boots of **Keith O'Conner's**, as I'm finding out. Anyway, everyone have a wonderful and safe summer.

Pat Lewis



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Bovine Delights

[memories of the 2007 COW]



Guy, Flag, Jim, Nancy



Sally, Rudolph, HA

Les Johnson Photos

Membership Included

In a move calculated to increase CPS membership, and to give the Squadrons an opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of membership, the Governing Board has passed a motion that "Regular Membership be awarded to each student who takes the CPS Boating Course and achieves the required passing mark", with the "cost of CPS Boating materials being revised to include the National dues portion" and Squadrons being "permitted to set the final price of the course to reflect the inclusion of squadron dues and course presentation costs". The result: the cost of the Boating Course has increased from \$190 to \$275, with no rate for two sharing (formerly \$320 per couple). It will be interesting to see the effect on our registrations, and the second year renewal rate.

Recruiting On Canada Day

July 1 was hot and sunny at North Vancouver's Waterfront Park. The throngs enjoyed the traditional July 1 celebrations including live music, barbeque smokies, a citizenship ceremony, face painting, and numerous booths. Well presented



Web and Rob Hustle Alice (AP)

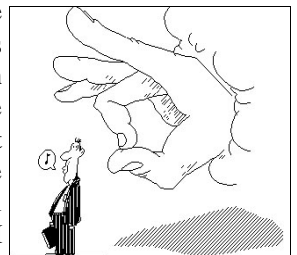
among the myriad was Norvan's own booth, organized and manned by Public Relations Officer **Web Teetzel** and Assistant Training Officer **Rob Dyck**. Web and Rob handed out the new Norvan brochure describing the five Norvan courses offered

this Fall. Nicely done Web and Rob!
Photo and Story by Guy Cooper

FLOTSAM

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

Well, Summer has finally arrived, so what better time to sit indoors and turn out this fine publication ☼ **Deja Vu, All Over Again**: back in the stone age, my first Norvan job was as its Public Relations Officer. In those days, the District newsletter was a stand-alone publication, with about a 3 week lead time, and my duties including reporting on Norvan's activities. Since the COW hadn't really changed since, well, the cow was invented, I "pre-reported" about the great party that had been held and the fun had by all. Imagine my chagrin when the *PropWash* hit the streets 2 days before the party, and my item was read to those referred to therein. Well, on April 18, lightning struck for the second time. Fully aware that the AGM follows a predictable course, I "pre-reported" that event, and the Anchor Watch had been printed (all 300+ copies) and was ready for distribution. Part of the deathless prose included a reference to new **Commander Guy** having "made the usual series of empty promises expected of the stuckee". Imagine my surprise when Guy phoned on the day of the AGM to advise that he couldn't make the Meeting and that I, as the new Exec, would have to undertake his duties as "stuckee". It was quickly pointed out by the attendees that the duties did not include access to Guy's mate, **Alice**. Ah, well ☼



Prophet's Reward