



ANCHOR WATCH



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JULY 2008

Norvan Really Rocks

FABULOUS FIFTIETH

May 24, 2008 will go down in Norvan's book of memories not only as our 50th anniversary, but also as the date of possibly the best (if not the best dressed) Changes of Watch ("COW") in our history.

Value Villages not only in Greater Vancouver but also in Bellevue Washington enjoyed a booming business as the 80 in attendance (10 from our sister squadron Bellevue) rushed to meet the revised dress code. Out with uniforms, blazers and slacks; for this time only, tee shirts, leather jackets, jeans, poodle skirts, bobby sox and saddle shoes as we relived the days of Norvan's birth.

Before the nattily attired throng could get to the dance floor to enjoy the golden oldies provided by DJ Billy Jones, a form of COW took place. Guy Cooper, having refused to relinquish the throne, was re-installed as our Commander, and his henchpersons were also pledged into office, by District Commander **Glen**



with 5 Members awarded Senior Membership for earning 5, and 4 Members reaching the 10 Merit Mark plateau. One old goof [hey!!-Ed.] got his 28th.

Special recognition was given to **Bob Lowden**, who received the Rich Kania Outstanding Service Award, and **Kirk Kohn**, recipient of the Arnold Ede Award for extraordinary service to our training programme. Something well beneath special recognition was given to our new Socials Officer, **Jennifer Shaw**, the HA (Horse's Ass) Trophy for managing to have her vessel laid up in drydock for the entire summer while recovering from her amazing piloting skills (or, at least, that's what I heard).

Then almost everyone stayed late to rock the night away. A great party!

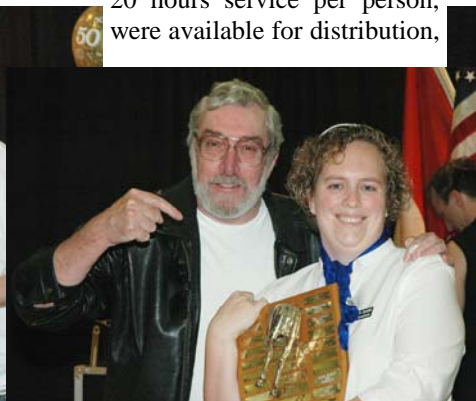
[HA picture gets centre stage because I'm in it - Editor].

Blake. A gaggle of new Members were then welcomed into the Norvan Family, then it was awards time.

48 Merit Marks, representing at least 20 hours service per person, were available for distribution,



Bob, Kania, Commander



Not Commander, HA, Jennifer



Kirk, Ede, Commander (again)

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**ISN'T IT TIME TO
SMARTEN UP?**

REGISTER AND FIRST CLASSES FOR:

BOATING (15 weeks)
PACIFIC MARINE TRAINING CAMPUS
265 WEST ESPLANADE
ON **SEPTEMBER 2 AT 1900**

PILOTING
ON **SEPTEMBER 11 AT 1900**

VHF RADIO (4 Mondays)
BURRARD YACHT CLUB
ON **OCTOBER 6 AT 1900**

NAVIGATING WITH GPS (4 nights)
ON **OCTOBER 8 AT 1900**

FOR INFORMATION, CALL
PAT LEWIS, 980-2200
TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

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.

August 1- 4	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay
October 26	Student Cruise and BBQ	Burrard Yacht Club?
March 1, 2009	Student Cruise and BBQ	Burrard Yacht Club?
May 16-18	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove

Details: call Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) or **Frank Mogridge** (435-6026). We look forward to seeing **you** there!

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

TRAINING TOPICS

OFF FOR THE SUMMER

What a great year the Training Department has had. To make this all possible, it comes with a lot of dedication and commitment from some very key people. These people being the Instructors and Proctors. Without them, this would not be possible. **A HUGE Thank-You.** You are **ALL** very much appreciated.

GRAD AND COW

Wow, what a party it was!! The Norvan "50th" Graduation Class did us proud. The class had 42 students write and they all **PASSED!!** Yes, we were excited.

CLASSES

Have put together the courses for the Fall. They are already starting to book. The dates are as follows: **Boating** September 2, **Piloting** September 11, **VHF** October 6, **GPS** October 8. We are planning to add Advanced Piloting and Weather in Spring of 2009.

NEW CREW

The training department has a shift in crew, as **Les Johnson** and **Lee Varseveld** are taking some time off. So we are very happy to welcome some new crew members on board. We have 3 new instructors: **Royston Colbourne**, **David Gunby** and **Burns McLellan** and 4 new proctors: **Bill Gillmartin**, **Joanne McLellan**, **Ray Rogers** and **Robin Sirett**. Welcome Aboard.

AND SO TO BED

Well, that about wraps it up for the Training Department. Watch for the Ads in the papers come August. We are all looking forward to good sunny days, good water, good friends and Good Times. See you out there. *Pat Lewis, STO*



The STO at work



And, with Ted, at play
[Paige Ackerman Photo]

MEA CULPA

The idiot who prepares the Change of Watch Program (Publications Officer indeed!) managed to insert the wrong Training Department list, as was quickly noted (at the COW) by those with sharper eyes and even sharper tongues. The correct list:

SQUADRON TRAINING OFFICER: Pat Lewis

ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICERS: Ted Lewis Rob Dyck

ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICER (CHIEF PROCTOR): Kirk Kohn

BOATING INSTRUCTORS:

Paige Ackerman	Bill Alcock	Pamela Boudreau
Guy Cooper	Colin Cullimore	Perry Edwards
Les Johnson	Bob Johnston	Ted Lewis
Bob Lowden	Keith O'Connor	Frank Poratto
Sally Skelton	Lee Varseveld	Eric Worthy

BOATING PROCTORS:

Paige Ackerman	John Atkinson	Keith Ballantyne
Ray Baynes	Gary Cords	Colin Cullimore
Rob Dyck	Bruce Featherstone	Ron Hanson
Mike Hickman	Dominic Howell	Bob Johnston
Debbie Kay	Kirk Kohn	Anna Laudisio
Mario Laudisio	Ted Lewis	David McRae
Frank Mogridge	Laurette Mogridge	Frank Poratto
Jennifer Shaw	Sally Skelton	Web Teetzel

BOAT PRO INSTRUCTORS AND PROCTORS:

Keith O'Connor (I) Sally Skelton (I) Rob Dyck (P)
Ted Lewis (P)

PILOTING INSTRUCTORS:

Paige Ackerman	Bill Alcock	John Atkinson
Pamela Boudreau	Guy Cooper	Perry Edwards
Bruce Featherstone	Bob Johnston	Bob Lowden
Keith O'Connor	Eric Worthy	

GPS INSTRUCTORS: Perry Edwards Tony Gardiner

MARINE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTOR AND ASSISTANT: Jim Reid (I) Kirk Kohn (A)

VHF INSTRUCTOR AND EXAMINERS

Paige Ackerman (I) John Atkinson (E) Pat Lewis (E)
Ted Lewis (E) Frank Poratto (E) Sally Skelton (E)

And in the Awards listing in the 2007 edition, it has been pointed out (in April, 2008) by an uninvolved critic that the Ede Award winner for 2005-6 was Orilea Martell, not Paige Ackerman. Happy now, everyone? *Tom*

CRUISE + HOLIDAY

Bellevue's Cruisemaster, Mike Heinrich, has a plan which should bring us joy, plus a greater participation in the Maple Bay run. Sure, fuel prices are high, but you deserve a holiday, so ..

Subject: revise the scope of North Vancouver's current offering, from a 3 day endurance run, to a casual and leisurely one week vacation, just as those from Bellevue have done for years. Afford those from Norvan a chance to unwind and see the beautiful Gulf Islands and enjoy their offerings, while intermixing from time to time with folks from Bellevue.

Currently, once we depart from Maple Bay on Monday, the Bellevue folks are on their own for open cruising to destinations of their individual choices and at their own pace. A suggestion for those in Norvan: convert from the 3 day quick trip visiting only one marina, to joining some from Bellevue and depart on Monday from Maple Bay heading north. The proposed agenda:

Friday August 1, 1730-1800, meet and greet in the Pavilion at **Maple Bay Marina** (South East Vancouver Island). Discuss and vote on a field trip destination option for Saturday afternoon. At the conclusion, many will dine at the on-premises Shipwreck restaurant for dinner.

Saturday, August 2, AM, some will take the shuttle to town for replenishments. Those opting for the field trip depart after noon via the marina shuttle. 1830 Potluck dinner in the Pavilion. Desert is supplied via an assessment of around \$8.00 per person which should cover our deserts, briquettes, plus coffee and pastries Monday morning at Maple Bay Marina.

Sunday August 3, dinghy to lunch at the Grapevine Restaurant leaving MBM at 1115 sharp. This restaurant overlooks the bay, and has provided excellent service and food. If you don't have a dinghy you can get a ride with another member. A barbeque is planned at 1830 at the Pavilion. Bring

RECIPE FOR A GREAT SUMMER CRUISE

Ingredients (based on 1999 - 2007 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) 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, 11th Annual
Sisterhood Cruise Celebration

Norvan - Bellevue Rendezvous

LOCATION: MAPLE BAY MARINA

AUGUST 1 - 4 (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) or **Frank Mogridge** (435-6026) to say you are coming, otherwise no dessert!

your own meat to self cook and a side dish to share. Desert will be furnished.

Monday August 4, We are planning to have coffee, donuts and pastries in the morning prior to departing by noon. Next stop will be at **Telegraph Harbour Marina** on **Thetis Island** arriving after 1300. Maybe we'll have a burger night on the dock. Enjoy a stroll on their 18 foot wide sidewalks for a tour of the island, or getting to the coffee roaster, occasionally sharing the asphalt with a bicycle or possibly an

auto, but those may be few and far in between. One can walk to the ferry for a trip to **Chemainus**, viewing the many building murals, maybe touring the big saw mill in town (if its still there) or stopping by the outdoor stage if active.

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6, we are on our own to explore the many islands or coves. What about a jaunt up to **Nanaimo** to visit the provincial park at **Newcastle**, winding up for dinner at the floating restaurant on **Protection Island**.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



[To celebrate the start of Summer, or some other festival, our semi-fearless Leader came down with a bad case of verbal diarrhea, thus the length of this submission]

“Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind”. That song takes me back to a warm spring evening when Seals and Crofts played at my NY high school. May you enjoy warm summer breezes over the next few months. May was a booming month with 150 years of C.O.W. (mostly sacred) celebrations. But first let’s rewind to April.

The Big Bang Theory is a new, off-beat TV sit-com. Norvan’s own theory on ways to prevent a Big Bang was put into practice Sunday April 24th. Norvan in conjunction with the North Vancouver RCMP detachment collected over 150 pounds of expired flares. These hazardous materials are difficult to safely jettison. This first-time collection event provided for a quick, easy and safe disposal means. Thanks to the North Vancouver RCMP, Norvan’s **Eric Worthy, Web Teetzel, Pat and Ted Lewis and Stan Shepherd**. Also thanks to the North Shore News for publishing info about the event.

On May 10th the **Bellevue Squadron (USPS)** held their 50th Change of Watch in Bellevue WA. The celebratory ceremonies included Norvan’s **Tom Symons** presenting Bellevue with a 50th Anniversary commemorative plaque, I gave the Rookie of the Year Award to **Dennis Finch**. Norvan USPS Liaison and Bellevue member, **Gus Decock**, received not only his 38th Bellevue merit mark but his Senior Navigator certificate award. Also, Gus and Tom were feted for their long-time contributions to maintaining the 20 year Bellevue - Norvan relationship.

The **May long-weekend Commanders’ Cruise** took place under sunny skies at Snug Cove,

Bowen Island. Games, socializing, and good cooking in conjunction with Coquitlam squadron were the order of the weekend.

Norvan’s 50th Change of Watch brought out the leather jackets and poodle skirts in place of the staid “Blues and Grays” uniform for a 50’s theme party. This lively and well-attended event featured stirring speeches, awards and certificates of all kinds, a non-dental Bridge replacement, and the pledging of recent Boating Course graduates as new Norvan members. Thanks to all who helped including **Pam Boudreau, Nancy Johnson, Rhonda Jones, Stan Shepherd, and Ross Bligh**. Also thanks to **Tom Symons** for printing the Program and the new Members Guidebook and to **Victoria Alcock** for her charming and enticing phone calls to encourage attendance.

May wrapped up, CPS-wise, with **Pacific Mainland District (PMD)’s**, ... wait for it, ... **50th Change of Watch**. This was my third and final 50th COW for the month. A collective honour not likely to be repeated soon. Speaking of repeating, Norvan again received the District’s MAREP (Marine Reporting) award. Thanks to **Ray Baynes and Bruce Featherstone** for their eagle eyes. I presented Norvan’s-own Past Chief Commander and National Officer **Tony Gardiner** with his 25th Merit Mark.

Norvan’s Webmaster **Paige Ackerman** received a strong accolade from Seymour Commander **John McCallum**. John credited the success of their boating course students, in no small part, to the interactive training screens and other valued training information found on Norvan’s website. A new District Bridge was sworn in. (would one say that the old one was sworn out? Or just worn out?) Congratulations to

incoming District Commander **Dave Peebles**. Dave’s inaugural address described the importance of providing quality service to the client. In CPS, the client is you and in the immortal words of the Cabaret emcee, “We are here to serve you”. So let us know what you need.

Cheers. *Commander Guy.*

Send email to: (after 14 months I am still waiting for my first one) guycooper@shaw.ca.



Social Notes

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

November 8

Crab Feast and Auction
Lynn Valley RecCentre

December 16

Christmas Party and Fall Class Graduation
Hollyburn Sailing Club

2009

January 24

Bellevue’s Crab Feed
VFW Hall, Mercer Island

February 7

Pub Night
Taylor’s Crossing Pub?

March 4

Squadron Social Night
Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 15

Annual General Meeting
Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 23

Change of Watch
Cheers Restaurant?

May 30

PMD AGM and COW
TBA

These are great opportunities to meet and greet your fellow Norvanners, and the Social Committee works hard. We look forward to seeing **you** there!

NORVAN CRUISES, COMMANDER COOKS

According to Norvan legend and tradition, the Norvan Commander must lead a team of ruthless yet brave scallywags to the Union Steamship Marina on Bowen Island on the occasion of the birthday of our glorious Queen Victoria to defend from and fight to the death the reprobate and despicable scoundrels of the Coquitlam Squadron. The ensuing victory celebrations are to last a fortnight. And so we did. Except for the fortnight part - it was two nights. Oh yeah, the fight to the death piece was replaced with brutal yet pleasant Lawn Bowling and Cribbage contests. But we had fun.



(Someone had a rough night)

Although lighter in the scallywag department than previous years, Norvan was able to prevail in the Cribbage competition with yours truly routing the incumbent, **Bruce Littlejohn**, one to zip before quickly bowing out to maintain a victory lead. In the Lawn Bowling (aka Bocce Ball) competition, it was too close to call but our Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** and **Alice Chung** did a commendable job of defending Norvan's honour. Thanks to the venerable and recently-honoured Cruisemaster Bob for his hard work in coordinating and bringing the fresh spoils and ovens (read food and BBQ) which were much enjoyed in the victory celebrations. The weather was perfect, the food excellent, and the camaraderie second to none.

Guy

(Holiday, continued from page 4)

Thursday, August 7, some will meet at **Saltspring Marina at Ganges** for replenishing, or take a stroll through town, watch the stone carver, or enjoy a meal.

Friday, August 8, registered guests of Vancouver Island South District will converge at **Otter Bay Marina on North Pender Island**, for a fun filled weekend. **Saturday** offers games, challenges, and some pretty good eating to boot. For those registered, they offer a steak dinner on Saturday evening (we bring a salad, or desert or side dish), Then on **Sunday** morning we enjoy a cattleman's breakfast that will satisfy most everyone. Last year the combined breakfast/dinner price was still at \$15.00 per person, but we are their guests and separate reservations need to be made for attending this encompassing weekend.

If it's been a while since you have enjoyed the Canadian Gulf Islands why not inquire about joining BSPS members in this relaxing and enjoyable week and a half journey. It would be a big help if you let us know of your intention to join any, or all, of our open ended cruise. Take part in what you would like to, or have the time for. Our costs will be the \$8.00 per person at Maple Bay to pay for ice cream deserts, briquettes etc. All moorage fees are in addition as are dinners or other meals, field trips etc. To sign up, or for more details contact **Bob Lowden** at (604)987-0660.

PAIGE'S PARTY PICS



Prize Winner Victoria Has Fun With Momma



The Surprise Member, Buddy Holly, makes his move and ...



Wins the Man's Best Costume

FLOTSAM

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

No HA candidates this month, but perhaps no longer my problem, so .. ☼ **Sayonara**: this is the last issue under the current editorial management. Having informed, bothered and, I hope, amused you since May, 1999, it is probably time to move on, leaving retired almost 1" of fillers and 15 CDs with 500,00 cliparts. Perhaps I will start a new Family Newsletter - my Mom and sister might get a few laughs, although may resent the necessity of having to contribute a monthly column ☼ **Parting Gifts**: some boating advice, first reported in our January 2001 edition: (1) boating is not dangerous, sinking is dangerous (2) there are 3 rules for properly docking a boat. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are (3) when a forecaster talks about yesterday's weather, he's a historian. When he talks about tomorrow's, he's reading tea leaves (4) a comment about how well things are going is a guarantee of trouble (5) in the old days, boating was dangerous and sex was safe; now it's the other way around (6) a gale is nature's way of saying "up yours" (7) if its lousy here, its probably good where you are going (7) the longer the trip the greater the odds of having engine failure, and (8) any skipper who plays banker when paying the tab for a crew dinner will come out \$11 short and be expected to leave a tip ☼ **And**: that's about it. Cruise carefully, stay safe, and party on!



Time to Go