



ANCHOR WATCH

The official newsletter of Norvan Power & Sail

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And Wine Was Fine

CHEESES PLEASE US



Our host John beams

More than 60 imbibers, including Norvanners (old timers, new grads), 14 Norbellers (joint Norvan/Bellevue Members from Washington State) and luminaries from District and National enjoyed the fine cheeses and finer wines at RecCentre Lynn Valley on February 1. Twelve grads (and **Bob and Jean** "But We Haven't Paid Yet" **Miller** from Bellevue were pledged into membership by a real, live Chief Commander, our own **Tony**

Gardiner. Bob and Jean are Bellevue's Editor and Administrative Officer respectively, with Jean nominated to step up to Exec.

The wine was from Eastern Europe and, while the names might be unpronounceable, the libation slipped down as easily as our usual brands. The cheese was abundant and tasty.

Our Emcee for the evening was Executive Officer **John Atkinson**, and his audition for Commander was apparently successful (see Nominating Committee Report inside).

Bellevue's Cdr. B.J. Ursen laid the Rookie of the Year Award onto our **M a r e p** Officer, **Ray Baynes**, a **w o r t h y** recipient indeed [see page 4]. An example of **R a y ' s** dedication

was his arising from a sick bed to attend the party, in response to a pleading telephone call for help from **Sally Skelton**, pleasing both BJ and the writer, who has enough trouble filling space in this rag without one of our major events falling flat.

While the room could certainly hold more people, the evening was a typical Norvan success, and we look forward to next year. Having exhausted Earth, perhaps wine from outer space? Who knows.



Sally, C/C Tony and the Fall class (and Bellevue) stuckees

BelCrab Wins Again

Bellevue may only have a Crab Feed (as opposed to our Crab *Feast*), but they certainly do it in style. 158 adults and 16 children, for a total of 174, chowed down at the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 18 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser), the multitude featuring 24 from PMD, the majority being from Norvan.

It is a tradition that the Norvanners



Nap Time For Norvan

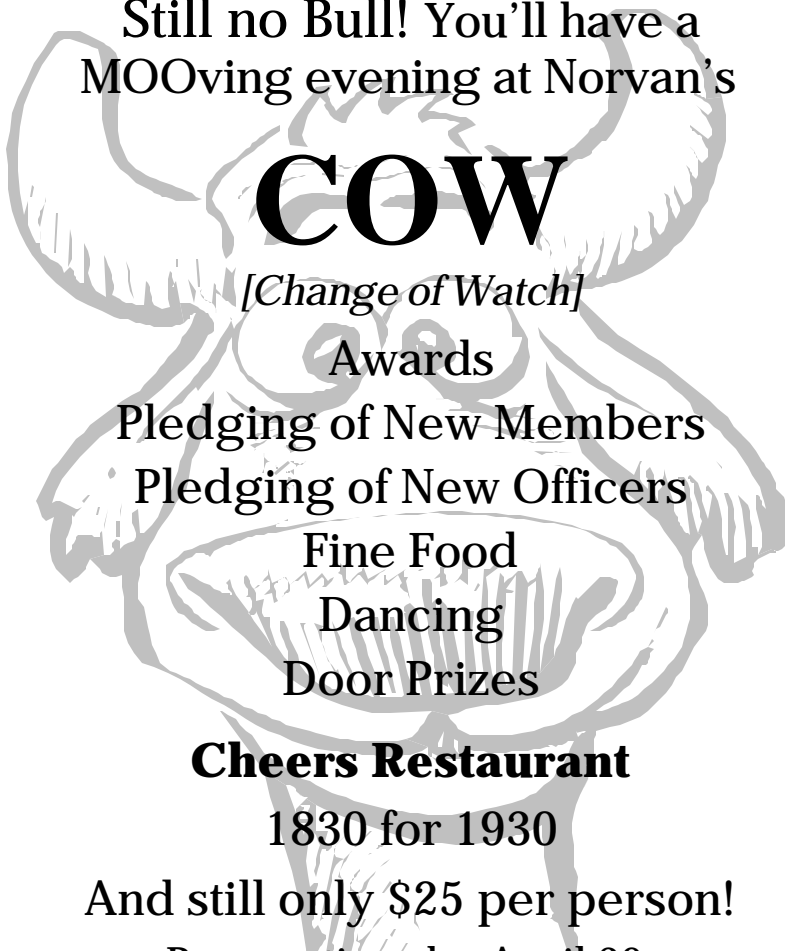
and PMD hangers-on gather in the Commander's room prior to the Feed to lay in a base of goodies and, yes, free beer, followed by the bed crushing contest. Once again, the nibbles were great and the bed was up to the task, as is obvious from the pictorial evidence to the left.

For those of you who haven't partaken in this frolic, you are missing something. Why not join the gang next year?.

Norvan's Executive

Commander	
Cdr. Les Johnson	904-0334
Executive Officer	
Lt/C John Atkinson	986-0313
Training Officer	
Lt/C Sally Skelton	986-0313
Secretary	
1st Lt Susanne Hawkins	980-1733
Treasurer	
1st Lt Cameron Cairncross	990-4637
Public Relations Officer	
1st Lt Rob Kay	988-0152
Marep Officer	
1st Lt Ray Baynes	987-5792
Membership Officer	
1st Lt Frank Horvat	985-2656
Assistant Training (Boating)	
1st Lt Kirk Kohn	985-3453
Assistant Training (Boating)	
TBA	
Boat Pro Liaison Officer	
1st Lt Ardena Jackson	904-0601
Publications Officer (Editor)	
1st Lt Tom Symons	983-0411
Assistant Editor (Distribution)	
Lt Pam Boudreau	985-3376
Communications Officer	
Lt Colin Dean	970-6262
Supply Officer	
Lt Joe Inkster	985-0275
Cruisemaster	
Lt Bob Lowden	987-0660
Cruisemaster	
Lt Mike Champion	874-0023
Historian	
Lt Bob Hough	980-6856
Junior Programmes Officer	
TBA	
Port Captain	
Lt Colin Dean	970-6262
Socials Officer	
Lt Lee Hawkins	980-1733
Socials Officer	
Lt Jacquie Champion	874-0023
Training Aids Officer	
Lt Lee Varseveld	990-3498
Training (VHF) Officer	
Lt Sally Skelton	294-0323
USPS Liaison Officer	
Lt Gus Decock	(425)821-5612
Webmaster	
Lt Paige Ackerman	985-3453
Past Commander	
P/Cdr. Bill Alcock	985-9317

Saturday, May 3
 Still no Bull! You'll have a
 MOOving evening at Norvan's



COW
[Change of Watch]
 Awards
 Pledging of New Members
 Pledging of New Officers
 Fine Food
 Dancing
 Door Prizes

Cheers Restaurant
 1830 for 1930
 And still only \$25 per person!
 Reservations by April 30:
Lee (980-1733) or Jacquie (874-0023)

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 23	Student Cruise and BBQ	Deep Cove
May 17-19	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove
July 4-6	District Rendezvous	Snug Cove
August 2-4	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemasters **Bob Lowden** (987-0660) or **Cameron Cairncross** (990-4637). We look forward to seeing you there!

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



NOW HEAR THIS!
Out with the old, in with the new, at
HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB
1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver
Wednesday **April 16** at 1930



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To the Members of Norvan Power and Sail Squadron:

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Norvan Power and Sail Squadron will be held at The Hollyburn Sailing Club, 1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C., on April 16, 2003 at 1930 for the purposes of:

- (a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron;
- (b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2003, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- (c) electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (d) appointing the Squadron Auditor;
- (e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2003.

"1st Lt Susanne Hawkins"
Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2002-2003:

Squadron Commander (Cdr)	John Atkinson	#201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver	604-986-0313
Executive Officer (Lt/C) J	Bob Lowden	300 East 6th Street., North Vancouver	604-987-0660
Training Officer (Lt/C)	Sally Skelton	#201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver	604-986-0313
Secretary (1st Lt)	Elizabeth Kelly	765 East 16th Street, North Vancouver	604-984-7903
Treasurer (1st Lt)	Cameron Cairncross	857 Canyon Court, North Vancouver	604-990-4637
Public Relations Officer (1st Lt)	Jim Reid	2512 Hoskins Road., North Vancouver	604-980-8276
Marep Officer (1st Lt)	Ray Baynes	276 Sandringham Cresc., North Vancouver	604-987-5792
Membership Officer (1st Lt)	Frank Horvat	2333 Mountain Hwy., North Vancouver	604-985-2656

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2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers with the rank of First Lieutenant who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 10.2(b):

Assistant Training Officer	Howard Stoker,	8736 Red Roofes Rd, Half Moon Bay	604-985-0531
Assistant Training (Ch. Proctor)	Kirk Kohn,	#103-1644 McGuire Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-3453
Boat Pro Liaison Officer	Terry van Gelderen,	4339 Ruth Crescent, North Vancouver	604-904-0601
Publications Officer (Editor)	Tom Symons	#707-555 West 28 th Street, North Vancouver	604-983-0411

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:

Bob Crone, 8175 Pasco Road, West Vancouver, 604-921-6500

4. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as staff officers with the rank of Lieutenant:

Assistant Editor (Distribution)	Pam Boudreau,	#304-555 West 28th Street, North Vancouver	604-985-3376
Communications Officer	Thom Ryan,	#605-110 19th Street., West Vancouver	604-922-3709
Cruisemaster	Bob Lowden	300 East 6th Street., North Vancouver	604-987-0660
Cruisemaster	Guy Cooper	530 Tempe Crescent, North Vancouver	604-983-2058
Historian	Bob Hough,	114 St. James Rd. E., North Vancouver	604-980-6856
Port Captain	Bill Alcock	1053 St. Andrews Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-9317
Socials Officer	Susanne Hawkins	3783 Roblin Place, North Vancouver	604-980-1733
Socials Officer	Elsie Shepherd	1059 Edgewood Road, North Vancouver	604-987-5789
Supply Officer	Brian Ruddock	4596 Highland Blvd., North Vancouver	604-988-9541
Training Aids Officer	Lee Varseveld	456 East 1 st St., North Vancouver	604-990-3498
Training (VHF) Officer	Sally Skelton	1526 Carlton Ave., Burnaby	604-294-0323
USPS Liaison Officer	Gaston Decock	14135-121 st Ave N.E., Kirkland, WA	425-821-5612
Webmaster	Paige Ackerman	#103-1644 McGuire Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-3453

5. The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

(a) the following Member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Squadron Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Les Johnson, 4643 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver, 604-904-0334

(b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2003-2004 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Les Johnson, Chair **P/Cdr Bill Alcock** **Cdr John Atkinson**

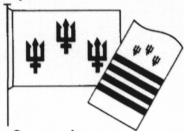
Respectfully submitted,

“P/Cdr Bill Alcock”
Chairperson

“P/Cdr Ardena Jackson”

“Cdr Les Johnson”

Cheer for the incoming! Weep for the outgoing! This is your golden opportunity to determine the course of your Squadron for the next year, so vote early and often. And, yes, the evening will feature the ever popular ☺ **FREE BEER** ☺ so how can you lose?



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Hello everyone. It's hard to believe that we're coming to the end of our squadron fiscal year and that this is the last "Commanders Corner" of my watch. I hope that's the furnace coming on and not cheering I hear.

In the first issue, I described my surprise encounter with water, wind and tide in Howe Sound shortly after arriving in B.C. (hey, this ain't no lake!). That's how I developed my appreciation for a volunteer organization devoted to safe boating education.

Most of my successive dissertations in the Anchor Watch have dealt with things like regalia, volunteerism and interpersonal behaviours. You may have noticed the recurring theme of "CULTURE" in those articles, which is really the most important aspect of any organization. However, it is part of a trilogy of characteristics including "STRUCTURE" and "PROCESS".

Subsequent articles dealt with the

CPS structure, and a subset of that which is leadership. Our meeting process is well entrenched and well supported by the Operational Manual, so I haven't dwelt on it in this forum. My aim in writing these articles has been to drive improvements by making people more aware of how things work.

Soon after being pledged in as commander, I was asked by a member, "what do you plan to do on your watch?" My vague strategy came abruptly into focus and crystallized into an attempt to improve three specific areas of the squadron, namely technology, communication, and succession planning.

The first, technology, is a continuation of previous efforts not only to acquire funds but also to direct them into new tools and techniques. Our instructors have risen to this opportunity and

challenge to develop and use new presentation material that is second to none. Many thanks to **Paige Ackerman, Cameron Cairncross, Bob Lowden, Keith O'Connor, Lee Varseveld** and **Eric Worthy** for their initiative in this area.

The second part of the strategy, communication, has made good progress albeit more slowly than planned. We have an e-mail distribution list for members of the bridge and have, for the first time, distributed the meeting minutes electronically in PDF format. Our squadron member e-mail distribution list is partially completed and will soon be operational. Many thanks to **Colin Dean** for taking on a project that appears to be a lot easier to implement than it is.

The third, succession planning, will become obvious at the Change of Watch. As good as this year's bridge has been, next year's will be even better. More importantly, our succession plan is multi-year in nature, which will ensure a strong bridge well into the future. Hats off to **John Atkinson**, who has worked hard to make this happen.

I'm grateful for the people on the bridge, in the classroom, and on the water who have all quietly assumed ownership for their role and have persistently made their contribution to safe boating. Somehow, a merit mark doesn't seem like enough to recognize all the effort that they put in. I'm proud to have served Norvan and

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TRAINING TOPICS

Classes Humming Along

Both the Boating and Piloting courses are well underway and running smoothly. There are now 50 Boating students, a record for one class.

Radio Time

The **VHF** course will run on March 13, 20 and 27 and enquiries for this course have already started to come in. Want in? Call me.

PMD Top Trainer

While attending the District Training Seminar, Assistant National Training Officer **Peter Girling** reported that in the Fall of 2002, 25% of the National Course Registrations came from Pacific Mainland District. He further reported that it looks like this figure may very well increase to 26-27% for the Spring, 2003 courses.

Student Cruise

The **Student Cruise** will be held on **March 23rd** at Deep Cove. Come out and join us for the BBQ prepared by our own Squadron Iron Chefs. Call **Lee Hawkins** (604) 980-1733 if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone.

Thanks To All

As you know, the Training Department is only as good as it's Instructors and Proctors. My sincere thanks to all those involved in the Training Department for

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Social Notes

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

April 16

Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 3

Change of Watch Party

Cheers Restaurant

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



Ray, BJ and Les

Ray Top Rookie

It is a Norvan/Bellevue tradition that each Squadron recognize the member of the other Squadron who has made an extraordinary contribution during his or her first 2 years of membership. **Ray Baynes** was this year's recipient, and **Sally Skelton** provides this background:

"Ray took the Boating Course in the Fall of 2001. Since his graduation, Ray immediately became a Proctor and when approached to become a Bridge Member as MAREP Officer accepted after ensuring that he could fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position.

In a show of his dedication, he took the time to attend the District Seminar in order to more fully understand his duties. He has been a very active member of Norvan Squadron, attending all Boating Course classes as a Proctor, all Squadron Bridge Meetings (readily standing in as Secretary when called upon) as well as attending all Social Functions. Taking the above into consideration, it was not a difficult decision."

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a job well done. We have good times together while teaching safe boating. If you would like to join the fun, call me; we can always use an extra set of hands.

Y'all Come

We will be pledging new members at the **Change of Watch** on **May 3rd, 2003**. Do you remember the person who made you feel welcome? Why not be the person a new member will remember. **COME OUT AND HELP WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS.** *Sally Skelton,*

STUDENTS - YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS!

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sincerely hope we're both better for the experience. Stay on top of the water. *Les*

FREE MOORAGE (if you supply your boat)

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 23, Deep Cove

Details: **Bob Lowden (987-0660)**

NEW DEAL

Show **Raj** your **Norvan** membership card and get 5% off. Show your support and get a bargain!



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FLOTSAM

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

Well, no HA candidates this month, so t **Going South?** Our AGM will feature a guest from Canada Customs & Revenue Agency, speaking on the changes in the law affecting your cruise to the US of A. Which reminds me of a story ... never mind t **Senior's Moment Grand Slam:** you see, it is better not to use a 2002 calendar to publicize 2003 events. The actual dates for the Student Cruise, Commander's Cruise and District Cruise are on page 2 and, by magic, are one day earlier than appeared in our last edition t **On The Move:** for the first time in 6 years, the Norvan-Bellevue Joint Rendezvous has a new home. Goodbye Telegraph Harbour, hello Maple Bay, whose managers obviously don't know what they are getting themselves into t **Huh? Jack Hunter** donates the following allegedly true story, reprinted without permission (and cleaned up) from the *Sea Bag II*, published by the Vancouver Naval Veterans Association: a teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class of 6 year olds. She came to the part where the first pig was trying to gather building materials for his home. She read "and so the pig went up to a man with a wheelbarrow full of straw and asked if he could have some". The teacher then paused, then asked the class "and what do you think the man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said, very matter-of factly, "I think the man would have said "well I'll be damned, a talking pig!" t **And:** We'll see you at the AGM t



Say, mister,