



ANCHOR WATCH



The official newsletter of Norvan Power & Sail

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Low Turnout At W&C

FEW SAY CHEEZE



Newest Norvanners (and Bob)

Only 56 persons (vs. 81 last year) and only 3 pledgees (16 last year) were present for the Wine and Cheese Party held February 12 at the Lynn Valley Recreation Centre. Luckily, a good contingent came up from Bellevue, passing up a squadron rendezvous that some bonehead had convened in opposition to our event, and some of the weaker ones made for fine hunting as new Members.

The wine was from Canada of all places, and slipped down as easily as the foreign plonk to which we had become accustomed. The cheese, also Canadian, was abundant and tasty.

Our Emcee for the evening was Executive Officer **Sally Skelton**, and her audition for Commander was apparently successful (see Nominating Committee Report inside).

Norvan's USPS Liaison Officer and noted Bellevue Past Commander **Gus Decock** laid the Rookie of the Year Award onto our fabulous PRO **Jim Reid**, a worthy recipient indeed [see Page 6].

Our ace Social Committee members, **Orilea Martell** and **Elise Shepherd**, deflected credit from themselves in their report to the Bridge, noting that **Bob Lowden** and **Les Johnson** did an admirable job of selecting suitable wines to complement our theme of Canadian wine and cheeses. .. [We] would like to thank everyone who helped, especially

Colin Cullimore, **Stan Shepherd** and **Zale Martell** for their help in preparing the food and setting up the hall with chairs and tables. Stan and Les also enhanced everyone's enjoyment of the party as wine servers. Thanks to **John Atkinson** for keeping the early evening crowd plied with wine, beer and repartee at the opening bar, **Marsha Cullimore** for kitchen cleanup and **Cheryl Lowden** for setting up a very attractive regalia table. This is a great crowd to work with .. someone always stays to help with the lugging and toting that is so part of the before and after of these events."

Unfortunately, both Orilea and Elise are retiring as Social Officers, They have been a great team and will be sorely missed. Note, however, how many of the helpers are being nominated for office, proving once again that no good deed ever goes unpunished,

And Few Choose To Cruise

A grey day greeted 11 members of the Spring Boating class who, along with assorted proctors, boarded *Good Point* (**Gerry and Marg Mattson**), *Seawrede* (**Kim and Sherilyn Wrede**), *Z's Escape* (**Zale and Orilea Martell**), *By George* (**Colin Dean**) or *Uptown Girl* (**Rob and Debbie Kay**) for a leisurely cruise around Deep Cove and environs. This cruise marked the last time that the public would be exposed to the culinary delights prepared by Cruisemaster **Guy Cooper**. The



The Master of Culinary Mayhem in His Final Performance

rumour that the Nominating Committee was pressured by the local Health authorities to replace Guy with someone who just might know how to cook has yet to be disproved, but through sheer dumb luck it can be reported that all who had dined survived the experience with only minor gastronomic ailments.

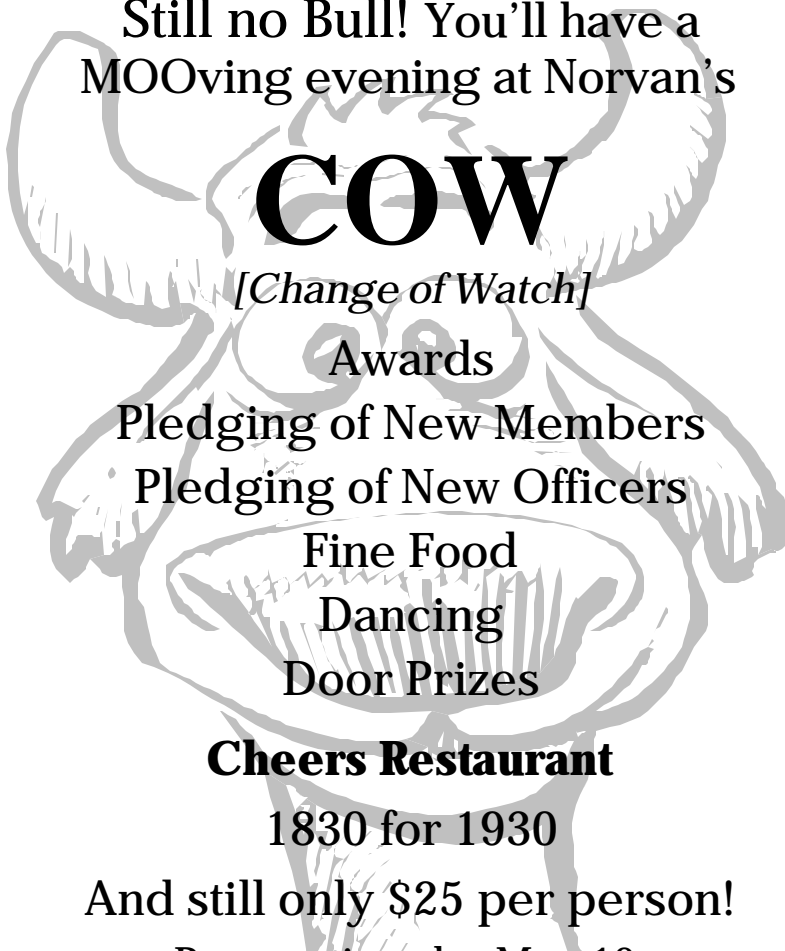
Moorage for the Norvan mini-fleet was once again provided by the Deep Cove Yacht Club, to whom we continue to be indebted.

Norvan's Executive

Commander	
Cdr Bob Lowden	987-0660
Executive Officer	
Lt/C Sally Skelton	986-0313
Training Officer	
Lt/C John Bunning	985-0734
Administrative Officer	
Lt/C Karl Reardon	924-4980
Secretary	
1st Lt Libby Kelley	984-7903
Treasurer	
1st Lt Stan Shepherd	987-5789
Public Relations Officer	
1st Lt Jim Reid	980-8276
Marep Officer	
TBA	
Membership Officer	
1st Lt Terry van Gelderen	983-4334
Assistant Training Officer	
1st Lt Michael Hickman	980-4472
Assistant Training Officer	
1st Lt Colin Cullimore	987-5601
Assistant Training (Chief Proctor)	
1st Lt Kirk Kohn	985-3453
Publications Officer (Editor)	
1st Lt Tom Symons	983-0411
Assistant Editor (Distribution)	
Lt Pam Boudreau	985-3376
Communications Officer	
Lt Les Johnson	904-0334
Cruisemaster	
Lt Guy Cooper	983-2058
Historian	
Lt Bob Hough	980-6856
Port Captain	
Lt Bill Alcock	985-9317
Privacy Officer	
Lt Terry van Gelderen	983-4334
Socials Officer	
Lt Orilea Martell	980-7975
Socials Officer	
Lt Elise Shepherd	987-5789
Supply Officer	
Lt Sheryl Lowden	987-0660
USPS Liaison Officer	
Lt Gus Decock	(425)821-5612
Webmistress	
Lt Paige Ackerman	985-3453
Past Commander	
P/Cdr John Atkinson	986-0313

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Saturday, May 14
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 May 10:
Orilea (980-7975)

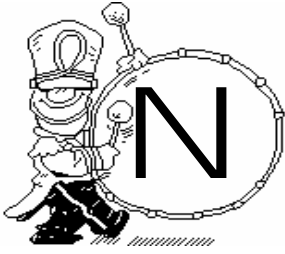
CROOZ  NOOZ

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.

May 21-23	Commander's Cruise	Snug Cove
July 8-10	District Rendezvous	Snug Cove
July 30-August 1	NorBel Rendezvous	Maple Bay

Details: call Cruisemaster **Guy Cooper** (983-2058). We look forward to seeing you there!

**THE KEY TO BOATING ENJOYMENT IS SAFETY
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NOW HEAR THIS!
Out with the old, in with the new, at
HOLLYBURN SAILING CLUB
1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver
Wednesday **April 20** 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 20, 2005 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, 2005, 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 21st day of March, 2005.

"1st Lt Libby Kelley"
Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2005-2006:

Squadron Commander (Cdr)	Sally Skelton	#201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver	604-986-0313
Executive Officer (Lt/C)	Jim Reid	2512 Hoskins Road., North Vancouver	604-980-8276
Training Officer (Lt/C)	Orilea Martell	1455 Mill Street, North Vancouver	604-980-7975
Administration Officer (1st Lt)	John Atkinson	#201-235 East 16th St., North Vancouver	604-986-0313
Secretary (1st Lt)	Sheryl Lowden	300 East 6th Street., North Vancouver	604-987-0660
Treasurer (1st Lt)	Stan Shepherd	1059 Edgewood Road, North Vancouver	604-987-5789
Public Relations Officer (1st Lt)	Guy Cooper	530 Tempe Crescent, North Vancouver	604-983-2058
Marep Officer (1st Lt)	Ray Baynes	276 Sandringham Cresc., North Vancouver	604-987-5792
Membership Officer (1st Lt)	John Bunning	4538 Timberline Place, North Vancouver	604-985-0734

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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	Michael Hickman,	705 Winona Avenue, North Vancouver	604-980-4472
Assistant Training Officer	Colin Cullimore,	#38-2688 Mountain Hwy., North Vancouver	604-987-5601
Assistant Training (Ch. Proctor)	Kirk Kohn,	#103-1644 McGuire Ave., North Vancouver	604-985-3453
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	Les Johnson,	4643 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver	604-904-0334
Cruisemaster	Frank Poratto,	4439 Stone Court, West Vancouver	604-913-9092
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	Marsha Cullimore	#38-2688 Mountain Hwy., North Vancouver	604-987-5601
Socials Officer	Lillian Hickman	705 Winona Avenue, North Vancouver	604-980-4472
Supply Officer	Karl Reardon,	938 Sauve Court., North Vancouver	604-924-4980
USPS Liaison Officer	Gaston Decock	14135-121 st Ave N.E., Kirkland, WA	425-821-5612
Webmistress	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:

Bob Lowden 300 East 6th Street., North Vancouver 604-987-0660

(b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2005-2006 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Bob Lowden, Chair P/Cdr John Atkinson Cdr Sally Skelton

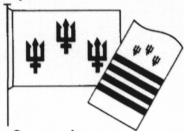
Respectfully submitted,

“P/Cdr John Atkinson”
Chairperson

“P/Cdr Les Johnson”

“Cdr Bob Lowden”

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



Since this is my last "Commander's Corner" I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who have volunteered their time for the benefit of the Squadron. I must also thank everyone for the support I have received in my role as your commander. There have been some crises and some challenges but the many wonderful moments of fellowship made it all worthwhile.

The succession plan spawned during **Les Johnson's** term has been subject to revisions as one would expect with any long term plan.

However, I am very pleased to say that in principle and in practice it has continued through **John Atkinson's** and my term and will continue with **Sally Skelton** when she becomes Commander. I would encourage everyone to give Sally the same support and I challenge every "active" member to recruit at least one other "less active" member to join a committee or become a member of the Bridge.

This past year has certainly been the busiest in my 20 years as a

Norvan member and I have mixed emotions as I see it coming to an end. I am sad to be stepping back from the limelight yet happy to think I might have more time for family (thank you, **Sheryl** for your understanding and support ... couldn't have done it without you). I think I'll need to keep that old boat for a few more years lest I miss out on the camaraderie (and sharing of a common misery) that comes with pleasure boating.

A couple of parting reminders:
To Sally and her new Bridge "Volunteers, handle with care".
To everyone else "Safe boating is no accident" ... spread the word!

I wish you all calm waters and fair winds. *Bob*

TRAINING TOPICS

Cruise Notes

Thanks to a break in the weather the student cruise got underway with five members contributing boats and eleven students participating. After a walk around on the boat to get familiar with equipment, lines and safety gear, we set out on our course via Lone Rock Point and over to Bidwell Bay with students busily plotting the course, taking bearings, and calculating the course made good. In Bidwell Bay we practiced anchoring, man overboard, and on the way back, practiced collision situations. A lot to do in three hours but the time always seems to go very quickly. A great barbeque lunch was ready and waiting for everyone in Panorama Park to finish the day. Many thanks to **Guy Cooper** our Cruise master and chef for his organization of the boats and lunch. Thanks also to the skippers (as listed on page 1), proctors and other bridge members who lent a hand.

VHF Course Commencing

The next Norvan VHF Marine radio course will start at 1900 April 6 with subsequent sessions on April 13, April 21 and the exam on April 27 at the Hollyburn Sailing Club, 1326 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver. Pre-registration is a must, call **Sally Skelton** at 986-0313.

VHF Problems Solved

On February 23 I attended the District STOs meeting accompanied by **Orilea Martell** who may be STO on the next bridge. The main topic of interest to all squadrons was VHF. The problems and delays related to errors in the new course materials and various other glitches have now been resolved and we can finally get started. In the meanwhile a pent-up demand has developed and there is quite a large group waiting for the course to begin. Now that CPS is the national agency responsible for delivering the restricted operators licence we will have to address the delivery of VHF courses throughout the year. For some people their employment depends on taking the course and receiving the certificate in a timely manner and they simply cannot wait several months between courses. The summer is the main problem because demand in May and June is high, but CPS Squadrons traditionally do not provide training services between the end of April and early September. The District is looking into giving the course over the summer on a rotational basis between the Squadrons using a pool of registered

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Flash!

Sally is pleased to announce the impending birth of the **VHF Course**. The quadruplets are expected on April 6, 13, 21 and 27, but viewing is by appointment only, so call her at 986-0313 ASAP (or sooner)

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

Social Notes

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

April 20
Annual General Meeting
Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 14
Change of Watch Party
Cheers Restaurant

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



Colin, Ice

March Social A Winner

A record crowd (33) attended the Social Night held at the Hollyburn Sailing club on March 9, and the program exceeded all expectations. **Colin Dean** departed North Vancouver in his 34' Tollycraft on April 18, 2004 and returned 2180 miles later to share his experiences with us.

From Bella Bella, he cruised to the South end of the Queen Charlottes, then to Sandspit, the West coast of the Charlottes through Skidegate Narrows, then Hecate Strait to Prince Rupert, Dixon Entrance to Ketchikan, Alaska, through Wrangell Narrows to Petersberg, Le Conte Glacier, then Petersberg to Wrangell, Ketchikan, Prince Rupert, Petrel and Principe Channels (Banks Island), Klemtu, Bella Bella, Port Hardy, Bute Inlet, Lund and home, generally single handing. A trip of a

lifetime, prompted by Mark Twain: "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails."

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examiners.

All Done

This will be my last report to Anchor Watch as my tenure as STO ends at the Annual General Meeting. It has been a busy and pleasurable year and I am most grateful for the opportunity to have served in this position. It has been a privilege to be part of a great team of instructors and proctors who have worked so hard to deliver a very high level of boating instruction to our students and members. I have also come to know and work with many other members of the bridge and I am most grateful for the cooperation, support and energy they have contributed to

the 2004-2005 training year. I am sure you will enjoy working with Orilea, she has a lot of enthusiasm and experience and I am sure she will be a great leader for the training team. I am not leaving the Squadron, but simply changing hats to become Membership Officer. *John B. John Bunning, STO*

Jim Takes Prize


Congratulations to **Jim Reid**, our Rookie of the Year. Jim has been active not only as our Public Relations Officer but also as a Proctor. Most recently he took on the organization and running of the Marine Maintenance Course for the last two sessions. A well deserved award to a hard working Norvanner.



Gus, Jim, Trophies

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FLOTSAM

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

Well, no HA candidates again this month, so ☹ **Oops:** sorry for the date problem in the last issue re the March Social. They crossed me up by holding March 9 on a Wednesday this year, rather than on the Saturday as my 1945 calendar predicted ☹ **BellCrab Blowout Again:** Bellevue may only have a Crab Feed (as opposed to our Crab *Feast*), but they certainly do it in style. While our Feast had 83 participants, their Feed was attracted 164 [37 from PMD (26 or so from Norvan)] to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 15 for crab, dancing and free beer (always a crowd pleaser). It is a tradition that the Norvanners and PMD hangers-on gather in the Norvan 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 nibblies were great and the bed was up to the task, as is obvious from the pictorial evidence to the right ☹ **For Bellevuers:** only in America (1) can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance, and (2) are there handicap parking spaces in front of a skating rink, and (3) do people order double cheezeburgers, large fries and a diet Coke, and (4) do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering, and (5) do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front, and (6) do they leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put their useless junk in the garage. Come to think of it, same in Canada ☹ **See you** at the AGM ☹



More Bedtime For Bozos