



ANCHOR WATCH



The official newsletter of Norvan Power & Sail Squadron

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Wine and Cheese

AN INTIMATE EVENING

[Our ace Social Committee reports on the latest Norvan semi-spectacular]:

Our Wine & Cheese Party was held on Saturday, February 10, 2007. A total of 46 people arrived, 8 of whom were from Bellevue, as well as two students who received their membership certificates, flags and handbooks.

Attendance was well below the 70 attendees we had last year. However, those that came enjoyed a fabulous night of excellent cheeses, flavourful wines and toe tapping music in the background that made you want to dance the night away.

Our theme this year was International and we had an excellent selection of 19 different cheeses from Ireland, Britain, France, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Austria, Canada and



Sally, Lil, Marsha, Award, Friendly Giant

the US. The cheese this year was purchased from Save-On-Food located at Park & Tilford. We met with **Ian**, the Deli Manager, who was very knowledgeable and assisted us greatly with the cheese selection. The favorite cheese of the night was the Buko cream

cheese with chocolate mocha, which disappeared in a heartbeat! It was a perfect accompaniment to all the fresh fruit that was professionally cut and prepared by **Elise Shepherd, Orilea Martell** and **Colin** and **Marsha Cullimore**.

A varied selection of red and white wine was chosen by **Les Johnson** and **Bob Lowden**. Four bottles of wine were also selected for door prizes, two of which were won by the nominee for Commander, **Guy Cooper** and his wife, **Alice!** *[Hmmm-Ed.]*

We would like to thank **Pam Boudreau** and **Ronni Jones** for holding the 50:50 raffle again. The lucky winner was one of our recent graduating students, who has just become a new member. Thanks also

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Drip, Drip, Drip, Drip



Even the willow weeps

one of the best around as it helps to reinforce the teachings of boat safety and navigation with a real boat on the water.

The Captains who brought their boats out were **Dean Phillips** on *Speakeasy*, **Rob Kay** on *Uptown Girl*, **Zale Martell** on *Z'z Xscape* and **Stan Shepherd** on *Free Choice*; two power boats and two sailboats.

In the midst of all this were 13 students (of the 29 that signed up) who never complained about the rain and got thoroughly soaked just walking to and from the

On Sunday March 11th Norvan's Proctors and Captains braved the torrential downpour and participated in the biannual Boating Course Student Cruise from Deep Cove Government dock up the Inlet. This cruise is

Government Dock. Since it was raining so hard the seas were calm with limited visibility which helped to create a Deep Cove day!

After the cruise we all joined Cruise

Masters **Frank Poratto** and **Bob Lowden** up at the Barbecue Hut and had our fill of hamburgers and hotdogs. It was great. Despite the rain and the chill everyone had something to say about the day and I learned that boaters enjoy the water all year round. This is a must attend event for our squadron and I have heard other squadrons want to do the same! Please volunteer for it next fall.

Keith O'Connor

[For those keeping score, 2 of the last 5 Spring Cruises featured rain, 1 was windy, 1 overcast and 1 sunny-Ed.]



And its their fault

Norvan's Executive

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Commander | |
| Cdr Jim Reid | 980-8276 |
| Executive Officer | |
| Orilea Martell | 980-7975 |
| Training Officer | |
| Keith O'Connor | 980-3034 |
| Administrative Officer | |
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| Bill Smyth | 985-7935 |
| Treasurer | |
| Stan Shepherd | 987-5789 |
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| Web Teetzel | 980-7951 |
| Marep/Environmental Officer | |
| Ray Baynes | 987-5792 |
| Membership Officer | |
| John Bunning | 985-0734 |
| Assistant Training Officer | |
| Colin Cullimore | 987-5601 |
| Assistant Training Officer | |
| Michael Hickman | 980-4472 |
| Assistant Training (Chief Proctor) | |
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| Assistant Training (Students) | |
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| Bob Hough | 980-6856 |
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| Marsha Cullimore | 987-5601 |
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| Supply Officer | |
| Joe Inkster | 985-0275 |
| USPS Liaison Officer | |
| Gus Decock | (425)821-5612 |
| Webmistress | |
| Paige Ackerman | 985-3453 |
| Past Commander | |
| P/Cdr Sally Skelton | 986-0313 |

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Saturday, May 5

Still no Bull! You'll have a
MOOving evening at Norvan's

COW

[Change of Watch]

Awards

Welcoming New Members

Pledging of New Officers

Sit Down Dinner

Choice Of Baked Filet of B.C. Salmon,
Breast of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Rib Eye of Beef

Dancing

Door Prizes

Cheers Restaurant

1830 for 1930

And only \$35 per person!

Reservations by May 1:

Lillian (980-4472)

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.

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| May 19-21 | Commander's Cruise | Snug Cove |
| July 13-15 | District Rendezvous | Snug Cove |
| August 4-6 | NorBel Rendezvous | Maple Bay |

Details: call Cruisemaster **Frank Poratto** (913-9092) or Assistant Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** (987-0660). 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 18, 2007 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 18, 2007 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, 2007, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- (c) electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (d) appointing the Squadron Auditor;
- (e) considering and, if thought fit, adopting by a 2/3 majority the following resolution:
 The annual dues of the Squadron for each Member shall be changed from \$13.00 to \$18.00;
- (f) 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 15th day of March, 2007.

“Bill Smyth”
 Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2007-2008:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------|
| Squadron Commander (Cdr) | Guy Cooper | 530 Tempe Crescent, North Vancouver | 604-983-2058 |
| Executive Officer | Tom Symons | #707-555 West 28 th Street, North Vancouver | 604-904-0815 |
| Training Officer | Pat Lewis | 4720 Ramsey Road, North Vancouver | 604-980-2200 |
| Administrative Officer | Alice Chung | 530 Tempe Crescent, North Vancouver | 604-983-2058 |
| Secretary | Sheryl Lowden | 300 East 6th Street, North Vancouver | 604-987-0660 |
| Treasurer | Stan Shepherd | 1059 Edgewood Road, North Vancouver | 604-987-5789 |
| Public Relations Officer | Web Teetzel | 1404 Fintry Place, North Vancouver | 604-980-8845 |
| Marep/Environment Officer | Ray Baynes | 276 Sandringham Cresc., North Vancouver | 604-987-5792 |
| Membership/Privacy Officer | 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 who, if elected, will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee and will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1(d):

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|
| Assistant Training Officer | Ted Lewis | 4720 Ramsey Road, North Vancouver | 604-980-2200 |
| Assistant Training Officer | Rob Dyck, | 1139 Adderly St., North Vancouver | 604-904-9544 |
| 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 | 604-904-0815 |

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:

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| Assistant Editor (Distribution) | Lillian Hickman | 705 Winona Avenue, North Vancouver | 604-980-4472 |
| Communications Officer | Les Johnson | 4643 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver | 604-904-0334 |
| Cruisemaster (Student Cruises) | Frank Poratto | 4439 Stone Court, West Vancouver | 604-913-9092 |
| Cruisemaster (Squadron Cruises) | Bob Lowden | 300 East 6th Street, North Vancouver | 604-987-0660 |
| 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 | Pam Boudreau | #304-555 West 28th Street, North Vancouver | 604-985-3376 |

Socials Committee member, not an officer as a non-Member:

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| | Nancy Johnson | 4643 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver | 604-904-0334 |
| Supply Officer | Joe Inkster | 5138 Redonda Drive, North Vancouver | 604-985-0275 |
| 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:

Jim Reid, 2512 Hoskins Road., North Vancouver, 604-980-8276

(b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr **Jim Reid**, Chair P/Cdr **Sally Skelton** Cdr **Guy Cooper**

Respectfully submitted,

“P/Cdr Sally Skelton”
Chairperson

“P/Cdr Bob Lowden”

“Cdr Jim Reid”

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



As I write this, my last Commander's Corner, it is a lovely sunny day and a respite from the deluge we experienced over the winter. So, a few hours of cleanup and some spring maintenance are on the immediate horizon. After being stuck inside due to the inclement weather I am eager to get outside into the fresh air. Just working at the marina is enjoyable and renewing acquaintances with adjacent boaters. I am and hope that you are looking forward to taking advantage of these warm spring days and getting out on the water for some enjoyment and relaxation.

Though May might seem a distance off, I would like to mention the Commander's Cruise at Snug Cove. This event is shared with Coquitlam and a fine time is had by all. To those who have never attended the cruise, please make an effort to attend. Should you not want bring your boat, cabins are available. Failing all else a short B.C. Ferry cruise to Snug Cove is an option. The inter squadron games, the Commander's breakfast and the final barbeque are not to be missed. So mark this date on your calendar. You will enjoy the weekend immensely.

TRAINING TOPICS



VHF

On Thursday March 8th Norvan's VHF instructor **Paige Ackerman**, along with **Orilea Martell**, **John Atkinson** and **Sally Skelton**, gave the VHF Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) exam to 19 students (including two drop in students), the youngest being 15 years old! This exam and certificate is good for life and all you VHF radio operators should have a license to operate your VHF radio. Once again the Burrard Yacht kindly donated their facilities for the course.

In addition your mounted boat radio should have a station license from Industry Canada; call **Spectrum Management**, phone 604.666.5000, for information. On a side note, if your have your VHF (M) certificate you can apply through Norvan and National to teach the course with Paige. It's well worth it for this four week course.

Boating Safety

Since spring is almost here all you boaters should be thinking about the safety gear for your boat and for yourselves. One on the most important things you can do is buy a good, approved personal flotation device (PFD) and wear it. After all, we spend a fortune on our boat but don't have the best gear for ourselves. Buy the best PFD you can afford and it is okay to have different types for different activities on the water. One thing you should keep in mind is that as you get older your body shape changes and last year's PFD may be too small this year. Try on your PFD before you go out on the water.

In addition you should be checking the date on your flares, checking the batteries in your radio and boat and checking the fuel and the filters in your boat. Most boats break down on the water due to clogged filters and water in the fuel. Don't forget to change your engine oil and check your engine cooling system! If you need to review safety protocol pick up a free copy of the 2007 Safe Boating Guide from your favorite boating supply store. (Oh, don't forget by September 15, 2009 all you CPS members and family members will require a PCOC card to operate a boat on the water. Check out the National Web Site and Norvan Web Site for information.)

Keith O'Connor, STO

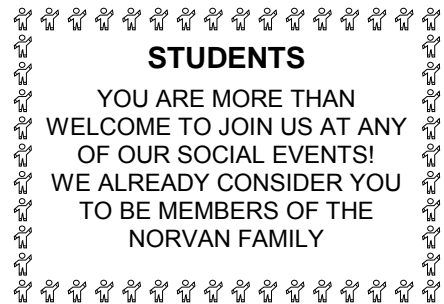
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Bridge members, teachers and proctors for their contributions to the squadron over the past year. As an organization of volunteers, the well being of the squadron relies upon their expertise and commitment. To you all, I offer my sincere appreciation for your exemplary efforts and the time you have unselfishly given to our squadron. Thank you.

Currently we are shaping next years' Bridge and the succession planning for 2007 and 2008 are well underway. At the AGM at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on April 18 the new cast will be presented. So please come and join us and offer your support to the incoming officers.

I have enjoyed my position as the Norvan Commander. Though I have been on the Bridge for a short time, I have gained an appreciation for the amount of work from all the officers on your behalf. It has been an experience I will not forget and I look forward to continuing my involvement on the Bridge and teaching in the classroom.

Jim

[Well done, Jim!-Ed.]



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 18

Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 5

Change of Watch Party

Cheers Restaurant

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

CPS Changes

Over the last year, the Governing Board has been wrestling with ways to modernize and “de-militarize” CPS. D/C Art Rendell advises that, at their meeting last January, the following steps were taken:

Uniforms

Effective October 27, 2007, the CPS dress code will be the following

1. the Blazer Ensemble (blues & greys) will be the new formal dress for all members;
2. a new casual outfit consisting of a CPS shirt with the CPS logo worn with slacks or skirt will be an option for all members;
3. a business suit or equivalent in lieu of the Blazer Ensemble would be acceptable for members wishing to attend the more formal venues.

The use of all other uniforms will be discontinued. *[Anyone care to buy a beautiful full dress uniform? White pants? White shoes? Ed.]*

Ranks and Grades

Effective immediately, with the exception of the titles of Chief Commander, District Commander, Squadron Commander and the equivalent Past Commander titles, CPS will dispense with the use of all ranks. Bridge Officers and Committee heads will be referred to by their office. As an example the Squadron Training Officer

would be “Squadron Training Officer” the Treasurer would be the “Squadron Treasurer” etc. The use of flags would continue as they would now relate to the office and not the rank. The grade designation (S, P, AP, AP, JN, CN, N, and SN) would also be retained. More changes to follow.

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 attracted 188 (14 from Norvan) to the VFW Hall on Mercer Island on January 27 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 for hors d’ouvres, more free beer and the infamous bed crushing contest. Once again, the bed was up to the task (see incriminating picture below).



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go to Bob Lowden and **Mike Hickman** for arriving early and helping with the set up, Les Johnson for tending to the bar prior to the event, Mike Hickman and **Nancy Johnson** for helping set out the food, Stan and Elise for getting the liquor license and managing the tickets at the door, Guy for arranging rental of the space from the RecCentre, and, of course, our dedicated clean up crew. You were all fantastic and we couldn’t have done it without you!

Marsha Cullimore and Lillian Hickman

*Missing from this report is the fact that Bellevue’s Commander, Sally Stuart, also presented the **Rookie of the Year Award** to Marsha and Lil in recognition of their fine work on our social scene. A well deserved honour to two very hard working ladies!*

USPS Recruits

Presently, United States Power Squadrons permits full membership at the completion of their equivalent of our Boat Pro course. We don’t.

In a move that would probably raise every hackle in CPS, at their last Annual Meeting USPS passed an exam waiver for membership. This will be in effect for 3 years, and squadron participation is optional.

FLOTSAM

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

Well, no HA candidates again this month. Perhaps you don’t appreciate how this works - no finks, no award. Surely one of our worthies has fouled up since last May, so .. ☼ **More Goofs:** continuing its fine tradition of screwing up, *The Province* [February 9] treated us to a report that “police are searching for a hit-and-run motorist” whose vehicle “struck and critically injured a .. pedestrian” leaving “the victim, in critical condition in hospital ..”. The headline: “Fatal hit-and run”. Critical is right ☼ **And:** reporting on a body found in Burnaby [February 11], the investigating officer “said few details are available about the gender or sex of the body”. I guess either one would do ☼ **The Sun Also Rises:** not to be outdone, *The Province’s* sister paper [February 19] quotes Canuck **Trevor Linden**, commenting on his new linemates, “Playing with Brendan and Matt is a great opportunity and hopefully I can compliment their game a little bit”. Like maybe “good shot, Brendan” or “how to hustle, Matt”? Well, that certainly complements this column ☼ **And:** a major ad for a new section, “Pet Feature”, observed [February 20] that “50% of Sun readers have pets in there household”. Well, I keep my dog in my “here” household. As I said before, a spell checker only checks spelling, not context. Perhaps both papers should take the radical step of using a human proofreader ☼ **See Your Name In Print:** 7 times per year - run against me at the at the AGM. Lousy pay, but power to burn - reward your friends, punish your enemies! See you there ☼



Still More Bedtime For Bozos