



Anchor Watch



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Fishers Return From The Sea

PUDDLERS IN PARADISE

[Slow month for news, so we'll tell you a fish story - Ed.]

The 3^d annual 'Puddle Dumpers' fishing trip was held from September 9th to 12th in Sayward (that's on Vancouver Island about an hours drive north of Campbell River). The concept is to take trailerable boats to remote places and enjoy the wilderness in the event we don't catch any fish.

Les Johnson got to try out his new toy, a 23' Bayliner Trophy, which performed as hoped. We launched in Kelsey Bay and moored at the government wharf there. **Cameron Cairncross** graciously extended the use of his nearby summer residence, so we enjoyed hassle free fishing with all the comforts of home.



Another giant is landed!

We had one day of high wind that forced us off the water for an afternoon but otherwise enjoyed good fishing weather (that's anything that allows putting a line in the water).

We caught enough fish to convince our spouses we actually went fishing but

not as many as we should have. Ask **Joe Inkster** about the one that got away. He's suffered a lot of abuse over that fish (it was really big) and there is no end in sight.

Commander **Bob Lowden** not only caught the biggest fish but also ran a condensed course on marine maintenance for



My cod, what a fish!

the benefit of the new skipper. Thanks, Bob. Oh yeah, we shouldn't forget **Bill "Jam Tart" Alcock** who stayed home and worked. Ho hum ... yawn.

Next years event might be in Bamfield as the chatter on the return ferry suggested those who went there did better than we did. That's "better" as in catching fish or telling stories.

Les Johnson

[Perhaps next time they should use C.I.L Wobblers - Ed.]

CRAB + CRA* = CASH

Our annual **Crab Feast and Auction** is scheduled for **November 13** at the Lynn Valley RecCentre, corner of Mountain Highway and Frederick. Join us for Happy Hour at 1830 and Dinner at 1900. Laughing in the face of inflation, the price has been kept at \$20 per person for the 5th straight year.

If you have any items from your boat or elsewhere that you wish to have in the auction, the doors to the Nighthawk Room (adjacent to the main hall) will be open from 1430 to 1630 to receive them. Remember, your junk may be someone's treasure, but not too junky please!

Like last year there must be a bundling (not bungling) approach to small items. Rather than treat a fishing weight

as a single item, it must be combined with other items so that the selling price should be at least \$1.00. Through this system, the auction time should be somewhat shorter and your return (and Norvan's 20% commission) should be somewhat larger. And like last year, the auctioneer will be the great **Brian Smith**, assisted by the lovely **Lindsay**.

This year promises to have lots of bargains, so don't miss this great event, the biggest and wildest of our parties! Even if you are not buying or selling, the auction is hilarious, and almost worth the price of admission by itself. Bring a friend, form a party, for a great evening. Don't wait, get your tickets now by calling **Elise Shepherd** at **987-5789**. We look forward to seeing you there.

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FREE MOORAGE (if you take the Students for a cruise)
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, October 31, Deep Cove
 For details call **Guy Cooper**, 983-2058

Its time to

CRAB AND GRAB

November 13

Lynn Valley RecCentre

Auction Check in 1430 - 1630
 Happy Hour 1830, Dinner 1900

YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO



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Come one, come all to Norvan's world famous

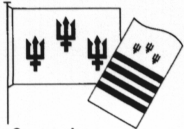
CRAB FEAST & AUCTION

Eat 'til you bust, unload your precious junk
 and shop 'til you drop

Still only \$20 per person (shopping expenses extra)

Tickets: **ELISE** (987-5789)

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Norm Headrick, Past Commander, Pacific Mainland District, has frequently offered four words of advice to Squadron Commanders and members of his District Bridge: *"Volunteers ... handle with care"*.

Volunteers are people who accept responsibility or commit to an undertaking of their own free will and without any expectation of monetary reward.

So why do people volunteer? There are probably as many reasons as there are volunteers. In Norvan's case there are several obvious reasons (in no particular order): to give to others what was initially given to them, to acquire additional knowledge, to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that comes with associating with others who have an interest in pleasure boating and so on. Whatever the reason, Society as a whole needs volunteers.

But volunteers can be a fragile lot.

Many keen and capable people who start out full of energy and enthusiasm have become discouraged or disenchanted and have fallen away from volunteer organizations, never to return. So let me offer a few thoughts for the three categories of volunteers in Norvan Squadron.

The Volunteer:

(1) If you are a volunteer or intend to become one, the first thing you should do is take a serious look at how much time you have give. And be conservative. Don't allow yourself to "bite off more than you can chew". Consider your priorities ... perhaps a good rule of thumb might be to consider your priorities in the following order: Family, Job, Norvan and don't forget the leisure time you need for other activities.

(2) When being recruited for a job,

do your best to determine exactly what you are being asked to do. If possible, contact the person who is or was doing it. Ask them to be perfectly honest. Then do some self-analysis and decide if you have the skills required. (If you're the skipper, don't take on a re-design of the galley.)

(3) If you take on a task and find that it's more than you expected or if circumstances have changed and you cannot devote as much time as you had expected, don't be alarmed. Face up to it and ask for help or to be excused. And do it promptly; don't let it drag on until you're too embarrassed to bring the issue forward.

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TRAINING TOPICS

Fall Boating Course

The boating course is progressing well with a final registration of 24 students. The instructor and proctor team are working hard to make the course a success. Two new instructors have made their debut: **Orilea Martell** brought her humour and considerable boating experience to the section on "Preparing to Launch" and **Stan Shepherd** dusted off his training skills after many years and did a masterful job of the "Introduction to Navigation". Nobody could forget T.V.M.D.C. and "60D street" after Stan was finished with them. **Bob Lowden** has returned to instructing after a few terms absent. Bob delivered the section on Anchoring and we are glad to have him back.

Our next event is the Boating Student Cruise and BBQ on October 31. This is a great get-together and families get to join in at the BBQ. We start at 0900 and lets hope everyone remembers to put their clocks back the night before.

Marine Maintenance

The Marine Maintenance course started on September 23 with eight registered students. **Jim Reid** has taken on the instructing with no prior access to the curriculum but his teaching experience and knowledge have given the course an interesting and informative approach. Jim is also developing a number of teaching aids that will put us in good shape for future offerings of this course.

Cooperation with Capilano Squadron

Capilano Squadron has made an arrangement for "On the Water Training" for Boating students in October, November and December and they have very kindly

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Social Notes

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

November 13

Crab Feast and Auction

Lynn Valley RecCentre

December 4

Bellevue Christmas Dance

Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club

December 18

Carol Shipless Watching

Hollyburn Sailing Club

2005

January 15

Bellevue's Crab Feed

VFW Hall, Mercer Island

February 12

Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 26

Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

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!

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made spaces available to Norvan boating students. The sessions are for three Sundays for about 5½ hours each Sunday. The cost is \$30. Four students have signed up. Our thanks to the Capilano Bridge and **Dianne Melody**, STO Capilano for offering the opportunity to us.

Boatwise

At the District Training Meeting we had a presentation by **Carole Murray** on the Boatwise program. Carole, a Norvan member, the District Youth and Public Programs Coordinator and the National Boatwise Course Director, has developed some excellent and extensive teaching aids, materials and activities for the Boatwise course. She is willing to provide orientation for anyone who is interested in delivering the program. I am looking for either a retired or active elementary school teacher within the squadron who might be interested in promoting and delivering this program. You can contact STO **John Bunning** at 604-904-6780 for more information.

And..

I am looking forward to the Crab Feast and Auction and hope to meet many of you there. *John Bunning*

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The Recruiter:

- (1) If you are recruiting volunteers, be honest about the time and complexity of the particular task you need accomplished. Do your utmost to give the “candidate” all he/she needs to know about the job. This will minimize the risk of overload and disillusion.
- (2) Beware of the “heat of the moment” enthusiasm. Give it time to sink in before you “hire” a volunteer.

The Organizer:

- (1) As much as possible, stay in touch with your volunteers and be open to feedback; in fact, you should encourage it.
- (2) Watch for signs of frustration or inadequacy. If someone is seemingly not able to complete the task, approach with caution. Offer to find an assistant or someone else on your committee who can offer advice and/or training to help improve performance. If worse comes to worse, suggest another task that is more suitable

able to the person’s situation; there are lots of jobs; we don’t need to lose good people over this sort of issue.


- (3) If a volunteer has a problem with time, offer to get help. Perhaps an assistant who could benefit from “on the job training” and could then move into the job at some future date. If it’s a short-term situation, perhaps one of the people who had done the job previously could step in and pick up the slack for a while.

One further thought for all to consider: when the “shoe is on the other foot” and you are the beneficiary of a volunteer’s efforts, remember Norm’s words: “*Volunteers ... handle with care*”. *Bob*



Radio Time

The **VHF Course** will be held on November 3, 17 and 24 at the Hollyburn Sailing Club. For info call **Sally Skelton** at 986-0313 or e-mail her at johndandsally@shaw.ca.



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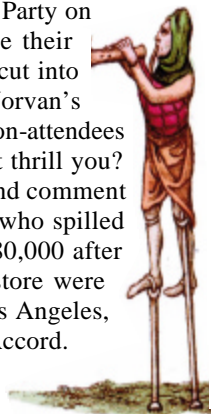
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FLOTSAM

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

Well, back into the HA doldrums. No finks performing this month, so ... t **Higher, Higher:** our Christmas Party on December 18 promises to be a real treat, especially if you are very tall. As the carol ships commence their presentation, you can stand on your tippy toes and watch them sail - into Port Moody. Ah, well, they just cut into the wassail time anyway t **Worry, Worry:** As indicated in **Guy Cooper’s** report in our September issue, Norvan’s attendance at the NorBel rendezvous declined yet again, and this raises a number of questions that the non-attendees can answer. Is the location wrong? Can you suggest a better one? Is the date wrong? Do the activities not thrill you? Does crossing the Gulf pose a problem for you? Do you just don’t wanna? Please consider these matters and comment to Guy at 983-2058. t **Hear, Hear:** a group publishes winners of the Stella Awards, named for a woman who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonalds. For instance, a jury awarded a woman in Texas \$780,000 after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running in a department store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was her own son. In Los Angeles, a guy won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Apparently the guy didn’t notice that there was someone at the wheel when he was trying to steal his neighbour’s hubcaps. And a Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay a woman \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her tailbone. The pop was on the floor because she had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. More examples of justice in action next month t



Ready for Xmas