



# ANCHOR WATCH



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## Just For The Halibut PUDDLERS PROGRESS



Les, Friend

Seven intrepid fishermen participated in Norvan's 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Puddle Dumpers" 5-day fishing trip to Bamfield: **Bill Alcock, Cameron Cairncross, Keith Harrison, Joe Inkster, Les Johnson, Bob Lowden and Eric Worthy.**

We hauled the boats to Port Alberni and then cruised out the inlet to the Coast. We came home with some nice Chinook and Coho salmon ... enough to leave everyone with a fish and supply the fish feast, which will

happen sometime in November. The only halibut we caught went into seafood chowder on the first night. *(We now have a new set of instructions from our wives regarding any halibut that might be caught next year.)* No sign of Ling Cod or Mackerel this time.

We had good fishing weather which means no rain and no wind. That allowed us to go a little further out into the Blue Pacific. OK, seven miles off shore is pretty good for us. We put in a valiant effort to catch more halibut but didn't get so much as a nibble.

There weren't any significant equipment failures, except perhaps for the bunk bed collapse that almost turned Joe into a flounder.

Cameron gets the prize for the biggest fish caught, which is up to 36 pounds now, and Keith wins the award for largest fish left in the water (several times). I know the

picture to the left looks like I caught the biggest fish but I didn't need three guys to hold it up.

We ate well ... thanks to **Sheryl Lowden** for the chowder and **Victoria Alcock** for preparing hamburgers ahead of time. Joe outdid himself this year with a steak dinner including some fancy wine. We also ate someone else's halibut at the local pub.

I'm guessing this crew will sign up for next year as well. *Les Johnson*



Joe and Bill put grab on Cameron's catch

## 16TH ANNUAL CRAB FEAST COMING

All good parties have a wonderful beginning! Commander **John Hughes** (92-93) was very adept at planning parties. The **CRAB FEAST** was founded when he discovered that 2 members were ripe for the picking, um - that's our word for volunteering. **Fred Sanky** was a crab fisherman in Indian Arm. He provided the crab at the dock and showed us how to clean them. **Al Wings** was our professional chef who had an impeccable shellfish cooking facility. Our crew helped there too. Now we have our crab provided by the 'Lobster Man' and we assure you a grand feed of crab from the Queen Charlottes. 'Up North' crabs are a sweet delight!

For a great time and crab galore, join us on **November 3rd** at the Lynn Valley RecCentre, corner of Mountain Highway and Frederick. And, yes, we will again have our

hilarious **NAUTICAL AUCTION** following dinner. The Nighthawk Room (adjacent to the main hall) will be open from 1430 to 1630 to record your items. Our auctioneer, the great **Brian Smith** and his lovely wife **Lindsay** will treat your treasures with \$ in mind, so bring your very best. **WE WILL BID, BID, BID !!!**

Remember, your junk may be someone's treasure, but not too junky please! Like previous years 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. See you there!

*Pam Boudreau and Nancy Johnson*

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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 28, Deep Cove  
 For details call **Frank Poratto**, 913-9092

Its time to

# CRAB AND GRAB

## November 3

Lynn Valley RecCentre

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

YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO



Consume this, then



convert this



into this!

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

Now only \$30 per person (shopping expenses extra)

Tickets: **PAM** (985-3376) or **NANCY** (904-0334)  
[Nancy between October 21-29]

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



## COMMANDER'S CORNER



**Change is the Only Constant** The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons organization (CPS for short), to which all Norvan members belong, has made and is making some changes. Some big, some small; many members won't notice. But I thought I would point them out.

CPS has been concerned about a nationwide membership attrition. Norvan is doing OK but others are not. What does CPS propose to increase membership you are dying to ask? 1. Captive Capture. Starting this fall, Boating Course graduates will automatically become Norvan members with first year CPS fees included in the course fees. 2. New Brand Name. At the National CPS Annual General Meeting (AGM) in

Ottawa on October 24-27, 2007, squadrons will vote on a new (or not so new) Brand Name. This name will be used on promotional materials ahead of the much longer CPS name. The three choices are (i) "CPS-ECP" (pretty much the same as the one we use now), (ii) "CPS Nautique", and finally (iii) "Nautique Canada". Your diligent and hard working Bridge pondered, pontificated and promulgated unanimously that we vote for door number (i) CPS-ECP. I still think "Naughty Boating" would have greater success in bringing in new recruits.

Other changes that have already occurred include elimination of all Bridge officer ranks except

Commander (thank God) and Past Commander. At first I thought it was the elimination of all Bridge Officers but that might not have worked out so well. Also, the number of uniforms has been reduced. I only have one so not a big deal and don't own white shoes, yet. Anyways, your CPS organization is trying hard to adapt to modern times.

I will be attending the National AGM on behalf of Norvan. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions to bring up with the Big Cheeses (les grand fromages or even les petites ones) please send me an e-mail.

**Stan da Man** Norvan had Christmas in September this year with the receipt of a \$7,500 Direct Access Program Grant from the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Gaming Policy and Enforcement

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## TRAINING TOPICS

**If that was summer, I guess we've had it!**

Despite the weather, a lot of us got out there anyways. More rain than sun, more rough than flat, more wind than not (great for you sailboats, yucky for us power guys). Lots of good times had by all!

### Fall courses update

Our Fall **Boating** course started on September 4, with 38 very enthusiastic students registering. We are delighted to continue teaching the course out of the BCIT Marine Campus and also to have such great instructors at the front of the class each week. As mentioned in the previous issue, we have 3 new instructors being introduced this year. **Ted Lewis** did a great job with the knot section - they were even tying each other up! Well done "Knotty" Ted. Our Proctor turn-out has been wonderful this year as well. Many thanks to **Kirk Kohn** for that. What an amazing crew of volunteers Norvan has to put all this into place.

**Boat Pro** was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and we had all 9 students pass. Many thanks go out to **Sally Skelton** and **Keith O'Conner** as the instructors of the day and to **Ted Lewis** and **Rob Dyck** for getting everything there and set-up.

We are again offering the **VHF** course being taught by **Paige Ackerman**, starting **October 15 to November 5** down at Burrard Yacht Club. It is a popular course and filling up fast. We also have the **GPS** course being taught by **Perry Edwards** and **Tony Gardiner** starting on **November 14 to December 5** at the new Lynn Valley Library. It too is filling up fast, so if interested, please call me, **Pat Lewis**, at (604) 980-2200.

Come Spring of 2008, we have lined up some Advanced courses you might be interested in: **Marine Maintenance**, **Global Weather** and **Piloting**, along with **VHF** and **GPS** being offered again. Dates and venues are not in place as of yet but will be by the next issue of Anchor Watch. Keep your eyes opened for them.

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## Social Notes



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

November 3

### Crab Feast and Auction

Lynn Valley RecCentre

December 18

### Carol Ship Watching/Grad

Hollyburn Sailing Club

2008

January 26

### Bellevue's Crab Feed

VFW Hall, Mercer Island

February 9

### Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 5

### Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 16

### Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 24

### COW+50th Anniversary 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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### The Cruise

Our Deep Cove Student Cruise & BBQ will take place on **Sunday, October 28**. **Frank Poratto** is putting it all together with boats and the skippers along with moorage for the Saturday night. **Kirk Kohn** will be organizing all the Proctors. If you can assist in any way with a boat, please call Frank at (604) 913-9018 or for proctoring, please call Kirk at (604) 985-3453. They would love to hear from you. Don't forget that **great** BBQ that follows – the “cheffing” is outstanding and everyone is welcome!!

### Something new

We now have new business cards for Norvan. They have the Squadron's e-mail address and phone number on them along with a space to put your name and number if you wish. The reason behind this is I'm sure there have been times when you've been out on the water or at a dock and start chatting with other boaters and the word “Power Squadron” comes up. Well, now you can hand them a card and tell them to give us a call if they are interested in joining or maybe just to take a course or two. I always have some with me, so please ask. They look great!!

### Kudos

Thanks to our very talented web mistress, **Paige Ackerman**, for doing such a fantastic job with updating our Website on an ongoing basis. Word has it that “ours” is one of the best.

It's a very informative and colorful site with all the information regarding Norvan and what we offer. Also to add to the “Thank you” list: how about those sprouting lawn signs that appeared in the beginning of September along with the wonderful Ads in the North Shore News. That was done by **Web Teetzel** our PR Man. Nicely done.

Well, that's about it from the Training Department. We hope you all get a chance to get some more boating in before the cold Winter weather is upon us. Safe boating out there on the water everyone.

*Pat Lewis, tandplewis@telus.*

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Branch. Norvan owes our Treasurer, **Stan** (money-bags) **Shepherd**, a big thanks for initiating, preparing and following-up on the application. Norvan was the only CPS Squadron to apply for any BC lottery funding. Norvan also thanks the Province of British Columbia for their generous contribution to our Boating Course program.

**Fall Boating Class** This past Tuesday I taught global positioning to the Boating class. The 38 students are a great group, plenty of questions (although it could be my teaching) and enthusiasm. A credit also to the proctors and STO **Pat Lewis** for their commitment to making the classes interesting and fun.

**GPS Class.** Word on the street is that the November GPS course is

filling up nicely and especially with many proctors and instructors in the know who want to hear the excellent and well-qualified instructors **Perry Edwards** and Past National Chief Commander **Tony Gardiner**. If you don't make it this time, the course will be offered in the spring. Call STO Pat.

### Student Cruise and Family BBQ.

Norvan members and family are invited to attend the BBQ following the Student Cruise, Sunday **October 28**, starting about 11 AM. The price is right, zippo, and the burgers and dogs are grilled to [semi] perfection. Say hi to the new Norvan candidates in the natural beauty and tranquility of Deep Cove's Panorama Park.

### Daylight Saving Time End Changes

Per the US Energy Policy Act of 2005, please note that the end of Daylight Saving Time is now shifted by one week to the first Sunday in November, or Sunday **November 4**, 2007 at 2:00 AM. One more week of tide table adjustments. It occurs just when you are returning home from the **Crab Feast and Auction**. Apropos of nothing. At last year's auction **Tom Symons'** 1000 watt like-new gasoline powered electric generator went for a ridiculously low price and was snapped up by **Bill Alcock**. My power went out five times last winter, Bill's, not once. Ironic? Deals like that are a good reason for you and your first mate to take in the November 3 dinner and auction show.

A high five from Commander Guy!

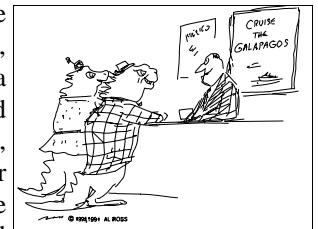
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## FLOTSAM

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

While waiting fruitlessly for some squadron gossip to fill this space, I stumbled across The Darwin Awards II by Wendy Northcutt. These awards “commemorate those individuals who ensure the long-term survival of our species by removing themselves from the gene pool in a sublimely idiotic fashion. “I'm (relatively) sure that she wouldn't mind me borrowing one of her examples, so: ☼ **Anchors Aweigh:** on September 17, 2000 in Australia, “six young men and women with no sailing experience were rescued from a stolen luxury yacht after drifting into a pier only 400 meters from the boat's mooring. They had intended to sail around the world, and had packed all the essentials: 60 cans of baked beans, 1,000 condoms, some liquor and cola, and a library book on navigating by the stars. Luckily for them they were caught, as police report that “they had no fresh water and no food other than the baked beans”. The would-be sailors have been charged with unlawful use of a vessel. We can all be glad that at least with 1,000 condoms, they weren't planning to breed.” This was reported in the Victoria Sunday Herald, and received only an Honorable Mention since no one died. ☼ If you continue to ignore my pleas for scandal (and this is not intended as an incentive) and I have not been sued, more next issue ☼



**“It's sheer nostalgia for us.  
We cruised with Darwin.”**