

# ANCHOR WATCH



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## Literally For Some NORBEL A BLOWOUT

*Our August Long Weekend bash with our USPS sister Squadron, Bellevue, ran into some interference from on high this year as Georgia Strait flexed its muscles, preventing at least our Commander, our Training Officer and 2 Past Commanders from making it across. As well, District 16's D/C Joe Cartwright was on his merry way when he broke down, had to be towed back home, but promptly cast off again in his land yacht. Those who made it had a great time, as our Cruisemaster Bob Lowden reports:*

Well once again we had great, even



Here we go a Car(r)olling

flawless weather for this cruise. And once again we were outnumbered by our friends from Bellevue ... as the following will demonstrate. However, we did have a few "no shows" who were unable to get across the straits. Pam and Rhonda reportedly tried four times without success.

From Norvan: *Murrmaid* (Carole and Ralph Murray), *Misty Gayle* (Ken, Linda, Shane and Tyler Nilsson), *Destiny* (Sheryl and Bob Lowden + Cheryl, George and Jamie Lawson), *La Mia Marchesa* (Merle and Dale Marchessault), *Moni*

(Carol and Bent Nielsen), and *By Land, Victoria* and *Bill Alcock*.

From Bellevue: *Nifty Fifty* (Gus Decock and Lonnie Butler), *Loon Song 2* (Jean and Bob Miller + family), *Tracy G* (Ann and Don Williams), *Patsea* (Patsy and Andy Zamelis), *Thatcher* (Joan and John Emery), *Wind Dancer* (land yacht) (Marion and Joe Cartwright + Carrol Walker), *Karma II*

(Karen and Sid Rubin) and *Roar'n 4th* (Jan and John Roehr). Bellevue's Commander B.J. Ursen and mate Mary came by car.

Vancouver Island South District contributed *Kypu* (Bill Hennis and Brenda) and *Odysea* (Bonnie and Peter Jennings) while SurDel Squadron in PMD added *Searcher* (D and Bill Herringshaw).

Maple Bay was an excellent choice for a change of scene. We'll be back there next year. We followed the usual agenda with an informal happy hour in the pavilion each evening around 1800 followed by a pot luck dinner on Saturday night and a BBQ on Sunday night.

We also had a couple of excursions. Nine skippers made the dinghy run to the Brigantine Pub for lunch on Saturday and seventeen jolly souls made it to the Cherry Point Vineyards on Sunday afternoon for a very informative tour and wine tasting (thanks to Irv Ross and Rhonda Jones for the idea).

On Monday morning many took ad-



Participants in Ugliest Knees contest

vantage of the juice, coffee and muffins at the pavilion before setting off for their next destination. All in all a great weekend ... sorry so many missed it.

Bob Lowden

*Bellevue's Bob Miller used Maple Bay as his starting point for a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. He got as far as Nanaimo when he encountered a floating lumber yard, necessitating a slight detour into the nearest shipyard. This was, of course, Bob's first introduction to the Canada-US softwood lumber dispute (presuming the wood he ran over was, in fact, soft).*



Don Williams gives burning lessons

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**ISN'T IT TIME TO  
SMARTEN UP?**  
**BOATING, PILOTING AND VHF ALL  
REGISTER AT THE  
PACIFIC MARINE TRAINING CAMPUS  
265 WEST ESPLANADE  
ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 1900**  
**CLASSES (1900) START AS FOLLOWS:**  
 Boating: September 9  
 VHF Radio (3 nights): October 30  
**FOR INFORMATION, CALL  
STO SALLY SKELTON AT 986-0313**  
 Tell your friends!!

**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.

September 24-28	<b>Puddle Dumper's Rendezvous</b>	Port Hardy
October 26	<b>Student Cruise/Norvan BBQ</b>	Deep Cove

Details: call **Les Johnson** (904-0334) re the Puddle Dumper and Cruisemasters. **Bob Lowden** (987-066) or **Guy Cooper** (983-2058) re October. Boat or not, you'll have a great time. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



## COMMANDER'S CORNER



I would like to start this Commander's Corner by saying congratulations to Past Commander **Bill Alcock** and **Victoria Arthurs** who were married on July 19, 2003.

The summer holidays are slowly coming to an end and the kids are getting prepared to return to school. It is now time for the Power Squadron to get back to work. Speaking to various Bridge members, they seem to have everything under control. I would like to take the time to ask any past Bridge members who may have Norvan material to please check their lockers and turn in any material or equipment they may have.

I hope everyone has had a good summer and a safe time on the water; I know I did. I attended the District Cruise to Snug Cove in July and this event was well attended by members and boats from local Squadrons. I was unable to attend the NorBel Cruise so at this time I would like to apologize

for missing this event. As much as I am fond of our Bellevue brethren, it appeared that risking my life in trying to cross the Gulf was a bit much.

Throughout the summer I had the pleasure of meeting many CPS members on the water. I must say that this is the greatest reward for being a member. I have yet to meet a fellow CPS member who has not been willing to grab a line for a fellow boater. It is by recognizing this willingness to lend a hand that I, once again, ask anyone who can donate a few hours a month to help our Communications Officer, **Thom Ryan**, by volunteering for our telephone committee.

As we are aware, our CPS mission is safe boating through education, so I urge our members to take another course. Call our Training Officer to advise what you would like to take, i. e., advanced, elective or VHF radio course. Our greatest hurdle in running courses, other than the boating

course, has been class size. Hopefully, with some positive interaction among the three North Shore Squadrons, we will be able to run more classes that meet, or further, the educational goals of our members. I know that **Sally Skelton**, STO, has already taken steps to open up channels of communication and this can only be good for CPS on the North Shore.

For those of you who planned well, I wish you safe waters for the balance of your vacation. For those of you who also planned well and enjoyed the great weather, I wish you a smooth transition from cruising to working.

*John*

## TRAINING TOPICS

### Back To School Time

Your Training Department, at the present time, is hopefully out on their boats enjoying this fantastic boating season. However, reality will be hitting us in the next few weeks and we will be meeting to discuss and finalize the Fall Courses. Calls and e-mails are slowly starting to come in and we are ready for them.

### Help Wanted/Recognized

If it has been a few years since you took the course and you would like to jog that memory, think seriously of coming out to Proctor. If you are unsure of this, don't worry, we can pair you up with an experienced Proctor who will show you just how easy it is. We have a good group of people who enjoy each other both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. My thanks goes out to our Supply Officer, Lt. **Brian Ruddock** for his obvious dedication and enthusiasm. Our minds are at ease knowing we will have all training material required.

### Ads Up?

Also, working hard for the Training Department is our Public Relations Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. **Jim Reid** He is presently picking out prime areas to place signs advertising the courses. If you are on a main street or a well traveled area and are willing to put a lawn sign up, please give Jim a call at (604) 980-8276.

### Adieu

On behalf of the Training Department, we hope you are having a safe and happy summer and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sally Skelton, STO

## Social Notes

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

November 1

### Crab Feast and Auction

Lynn Valley RecCentre

December 5

### Bellevue Christmas Dance

Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club

December ?

### Carol Ship Watching

Hollyburn Sailing Club

2004

January ?

### Bellevue's Crab Feed

VFW Hall, Mercer Island

January 31

### Wine & Cheese Party

Lynn Valley RecCentre

March 10

### Social Night

Hollyburn Sailing Club 

April 14

### Annual General Meeting

Hollyburn Sailing Club

May 1

### Change of Watch Party

Cheers Restaurant

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

### Unclassified Ads

**Wanted:** stuff for this column. See your name in print! Non-commercial ads faxed to **985-1056** or e-mailed to **symons@telus.net** at the beginning of the month will, depending on space availability and the Editor's mood, be published in the next issue. Such a deal!

### PMD Cruises Along

Approximately 20 Boats attended the annual Pacific Mainland District Cruise. Although only 2 boats from Norvan attended, we did boast not only 5 Past Commanders - **Tom Symons, Ralph Murray, Carole Murray, Ronni Jones** and **Pam Boudreau** - but also 3 Past District Commanders (Tom, Ralph and Ronni). Its good to see those oldie goldies (or should I say oldie grexies) keep coming back.

The District Administration Officer reported that they served 68 for the brunch. For the third year in a row, I prepared the cooked ham and have been reserved to perform my culinary skills again next year. John and I enjoyed playing host to our Publications Officer, Tom, and the ever present, and shedding, Kelly. With the Brain Teaser question sheet and the blind-folded dinghy races, a good time was had by all. *Sally Skelton*

### Norvan Moments

The first Squadron on the North Shore was Capilano. It acted as the mother of Norvan, and we received our warrant on May 27, 1958. Our first Commander was **Bob Legatt**.

Our first Boating classes were held in what was then North Vancouver High School, with 15 students in the initial class. Subsequent classes were held in school gymnasiums and cafeterias, with some classes exceeding 100 students. Eventually, arrangements were made to run our Boating and Advanced/Elective classes at the Pacific Marine Training Campus, where in some years 2 Boating classes were held per week due to the large registrations.

Our burgee was the result of a contest held in 1982, presided over by then Cdr. **George Dunbar**, with 7 designs having been submitted by our members, the winning entry being submitted by **Duncan Stewart**. The blue portion represents the North Vancouver skyline, the red area follows the Mariner's Weather Beacon "a red sky at night is a sailor's delight, a red sky at morning sailors take warning", and the white star is Polaris, or the North Star, which is the foundation of navigation, used to guide members safely home. It received Governing Board approval on March 1, 1982.

*Bob Hough*

### Final Edition

A collector's item! If you haven't paid your annual dues, this is the last edition of Anchor Watch you will receive. Come back - we miss you!

"As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday and employees will receive their cards in two weeks." [Notice posted by Microsoft Corporation, Redmond WA].


  
**STUDENTS**
  
 YOU ARE MORE THAN
   
 WELCOME TO JOIN US AT
   
 ANY OF OUR SOCIAL
   
 EVENTS!
   
 WE ALREADY
   
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 MEMBERS OF THE
   
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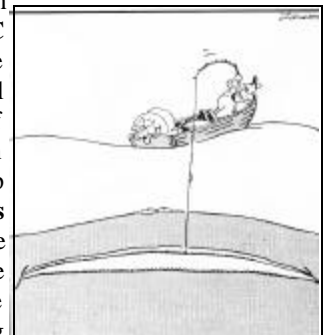
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## FLOTSAM

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

Well, no HA candidates this month, so .. 🐾 **Social Note:** **Victoria Arthurs** made an honest man of **Bill Alcock** on June 19, with multiple Norvanners (including C/C **Tony** and District 16 D/C **Joe Cartwright**) in attendance 🐾 **Promotion:** our own **Ronni Jones** no sooner retired as the Commander of Pacific Mainland District than she was crowned Rear Commander as National Membership Officer at the June Governing Board Meeting 🐾 **Didjano?** had the pleasure of joining **Gus Decock** at the 14th Annual Chris Craft Rendezvous at Port Orchard Washington last month. Of the 102 Chris's there, at least 3 were built in the early 1940's and featured roll-up side windows (like a car) in their salons. A great idea 🐾 **Puddle Dumpers Part 2:** P/Cdr **Les Johnson** asked me to remind you that the Second Annual Puddle Dumpers Fishing Trip will be held from September 24 to 28, somewhere on Vancouver Island (last year was Port Hardy). He advised that participants take trailerable boats or use rentals if there are more people than the boats on hand can accommodate, and stay in a motel. He noted that anyone interested in joining the gang for serious fishing (and maybe a few laughs) should call him at 904-0334. I told him that I had already publicized this event and didn't have the space or the inclination to do so again, so there 🐾 **Thought Du Jour:** according to comedian **Marty Feldman**, the pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with 🐾 **And:** thanks to **Gary Larson** for the unauthorized use of his cartoon 🐾

Typical Puddle Dumper



"Good heavens, Les! We're going to need the net!"