

Anchor Watch



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Bellevue Swamps NorBel

NORVANNERS NOSHOWS

The annual Norvan-Bellevue Joint Rendezvous cruise was held once again on the August long weekend at the accommodating and very friendly Maple Bay Marina located on Vancouver Island near the metropolis of Duncan.

The setting was picture perfect with tranquil seas under hot summer skies. Attendees from the Norvan side included El Capitan, Commander **Bob** and the Mrs. Lieutenant **Sheryl** with crew (**Cheryl, George and Jamie Lawson**) aboard *Destiny*, **Bent and Carol Nielsen** on *Moni*, **John and**

Shane and Tyler were on *Misty Gayle*, **Tom Symons** hitched a ride on **Gus Decock's** 50' Chris Craft, *Nifty Fifty*, your Cruisemaster **Guy and Alice** were aboard *Moomba*, and the land lubbers included the ever-present, effervescent **Les and Nancy Johnson**. The total Norvan attendees on the five boats (Gus's is a Bellevuer) were at 19 including kids but excluding dogs.

Bellevue outgunned us in terms of numbers with over 18 boats and 40 attendees including guests and associates. But all was fun.

The facility had considerable depth and not just at the dock but also with general store, laundry, showers, marine store, pub, dining restaurant, covered gathering place, and high speed connection. Duncan was a \$25 taxi ride away or reached through link-ups with car drivers. Duncan is renowned for its Saturday farmers' market, artisans, and new super style Safeway grocery plaza.

Friday July 30 started with a dock-side cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres



Some of the Maple Bay Mafia

followed by a freelance dinner. Sailors rose just in time Saturday to head over by water or car to a dock-side pub lunch, with 34 participating. Upon return, the group rallied for more cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by an Italian theme pot luck dinner.

Maple Bay has an excellent covered event facility that became the exclusive property of our group.



Don Williams and Cdr. Bob greet the guests

Diann King aboard *Sorcerer*; **Ken and Linda Nilsson**, dogs and kids



The boys at play

DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CRUISE IN JULY

The attendance at Snug Cove for this cruise was excellent as always. Ten members of Norvan Squadron were in attendance. The theme, Christmas in July, was well recognized by all participants. Boats were decked out in their Christmas finery and the colourful display of lights, Santas and snowmen was beautiful, especially at night. Christmas carols were played from



various vessels and the camaraderie was second to none.

Friday evening was enjoyed on the dock with hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. Saturday was spent visiting and enjoying the company and ideas of members from other Squadrons. Saturday evening all enjoyed a Turkey dinner, again with all the fixings.

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**ISN'T IT TIME TO
SMARTEN UP?**

**BOATING, PILOTING, ADVANCED
PILOTING, MARINE MAINTENANCE,
GPS, WEATHER AND VHF**

ALL REGISTER AT THE

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

145 WEST 15TH STREET

ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT 1800

[park at 14th and Chesterfield, then walk up lane]

CLASSES (1900) START AS FOLLOWS:

Boating: September 14

VHF Radio (3 nights): November ?

Balance of Courses: TBA

FOR INFORMATION, CALL

STO JOHN BUNNING AT 985-0734

Tell your friends!!

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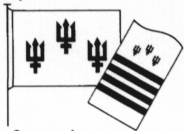
Join your fellow Norvanners on the water. Put your training to work! This is a great way to meet your fellow members, and many cruising relationships have been developed from these fun filled functions.

September 8-12 **Puddle Dumper's Rendezvous** Sayward/Kelsey Bay

October 31 **Student Cruise/Norvan BBQ** Deep Cove

Details: call **Les Johnson** (904-0334) re the Puddle Dumper and Cruisemaster. **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



For this first Commander's Corner of the new season perhaps it would be appropriate to review the CPS Mission Statement and relate it to the activities of our own Squadron. CPS Mission: *"To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating"*. So how do we stack up in the three categories? Is there room for some improvement? There always will be. Let's look at them one at a time:

Educating and Training:

I think we're in pretty good shape with this one. For many years Norvan has done an outstanding job of promoting and delivering courses at every level and we are in line to continue the precedent set by previous Bridges. All of which is thanks to the

dedication of both the Instructors and Proctors who strive to make the classes fun as well as educational. We have, over the past few years, gained not only new members, but also a number of new Bridge members. But let's not assume we're perfect. Could we do better? Are there some needs or opportunities that we should know about?

Fellowship:

Norvan must be near the top of the heap when it comes to fostering fellowship. Credit for this aspect of squadron life goes to our Socials Officers as well as to every Norvan member who participates in a squadron activity. You can have the finest social calendar on the planet but if nobody attends, it's all for 'knot'. Our Socials Officers feel their reward comes with a good attendance at the events they work so hard to arrange. Attendance at some of our events could certainly be

increased. Are we missing something here?

Partnerships and Alliances:

This one's a little tougher to evaluate. We certainly have some partnerships with other CPS and USPS squadrons and we have a quasi alliance with Capilano and Seymour squadrons for advanced and elective courses. So the question is: where else could we establish further relationships?

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions or recommendations, please contact any Bridge member or myself. I would like to hear more from our "silent majority"! The more input we receive, the better will be the end product. Give it some thought and CALL US!
Bob

TRAINING TOPICS

Back To School Time

As our long hot summer has progressed so have our plans for the fall courses starting with Boating on September 14th. The schedule is finalized and I am pleased to welcome Cdr **Bob Lowden** and **Orilea Martell** to the instructing group. Bob has been involved with the Boating Proficiency course and will be teaching the unit on anchoring. Orilea is new to instructing but a very experienced boater and she will be using that experience to teach the unit on "Preparing to Launch".


VHF Proceeding

Our VHF examiners are in great demand and so is the course. A list of registrants is ongoing and as soon as we have enough people **Sally Skelton** will hold a class. The curriculum has just been updated to include a module on digital distress signals. So its "All Ahead Full" for VHF.


Advanced and Electives

Registration is continuing to build for Boating and we now have enough registrants to proceed with Marine Maintenance (Diesel). We still have spaces for MM so if you have been thinking of brushing up your maintenance skills now is the time to contact me. The Piloting course is still sitting at three registrants and we need at least five to make it worthwhile, so again if you are interested now is the time to contact me.

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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 ?
Bellevue Christmas Dance
Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club

December 18
Carol Ship Watching
Hollyburn Sailing Club

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January ?
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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Getting Involved

Our members are our best promoters and you can really help to keep enrolment up by telling friends and neighbours about the Squadron. One of the best ways to promote the Squadron is to give out our web page address www.norvan-cps.org. This very informative and colourful site has all the information regarding Norvan. It is also nearly that time when Norvan lawn signs advertising the Boating course will be blooming on member's lawns and throughout the community. If you would like to help by displaying a lawn sign please contact **Jim Reid** our PRO.

Members wishing to participate as proctors are always welcome. You can contribute in a very positive way by helping new students get through the course and at the same time brush up on your the boating skills for free. **Kirk Kohn** our Chief Proctor (604) 985-3453 would like to hear from you.

Sunday October 31st also happens to be the date of the Fall student cruise and barbeque. We usually require five or six boats capable of carrying four students and a proctor. If you feel like an autumn day on the water and would like to contribute please contact STO **John Bunning** for details.

John Bunning, STO

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Sunday morning, breakfast was served by members of the District Bridge which again, this year, was excellent.

For the 4th year in a row, I was requested to bake the ham - this seems to have either become a tradition or new District Bridge members have hooked on to the thought that this is one section of breakfast they do not need to worry about. D/C **Anne MacDonald** was again up before the birds working her magic in the kitchen and producing fresh baked muffins - this too has become a tradition and, I am sure, a lifetime expectation.

Sunday morning we rose to the surprise of gifts delivered by Santa - most of us were completely in awe as we found it difficult to believe that we had been more "nice" than "naughty". All in all, another successful District Cruise.

*Story by Sally Skelton,
picture by Paige Ackerman.*

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Sunday brought us a group tour of Merridale Ciderworks cider making facility, which featured the tour host failing on three occasions to outrun the resident wasps. Sunday night was a group barbecue followed by enjoyable socializing. On Monday morning the survivors enjoyed the complimentary juice, coffee and muffins, then parted for home shores.

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Cooper*

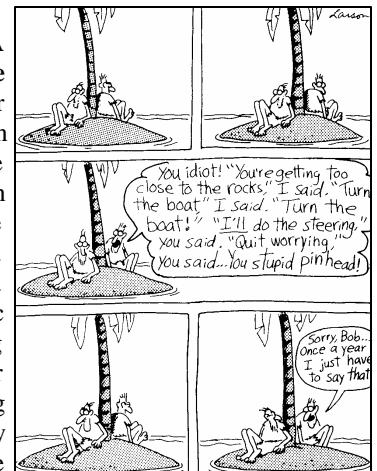
STUDENTS
YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS!
WE ALREADY CONSIDER YOU TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NORVAN FAMILY

FLOTSAM

(n.: wreckage found floating on the surface of the sea; The

Editor's Column)

Well, my cup runneth over. The NorBel rendezvous has spawned at least one more HA candidate. Keep those cards and letters coming t **What's Up Doc:** congrats to **Paige Ackerman** who, in addition to being our ace Webmistress (and doing the same for Pender Harbour Squadron and Pacific Mainland District), also managed finally to attain her PhD in fish immuniology (whatever that is) t **Puddle Dumpers Again:** the Third Annual Puddle Dumpers Fishing Trip will be held from September 8 to 12, at Sayward and Kelsey Bay on Vancouver Island. P/Cdr **Les Johnson** advises 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 t **Dry Up 2:** further warning labels for alcoholic beverages: WARNING - The consumption of alcohol may (a) may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your bra (ladies only), or (b) cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them, or (c) lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning, or (d) make you think you can logically converse with members of the opposite sex without spitting, or (e) make you think you have mystical kung foo powers, resulting in you getting you're a** kicked t



HA Candidate
[with thanks to Gary Larson]