



# ANCHOR WATCH



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## Great Improvement

# NORBEL A SUCCESS

*[Last year, your semi-humble servant blasted our members for their poor response to this event, our major cruise, after all of 2 Norvan boats showed up. Suitably chastened, the Squadron responded with 5 this year, plus a land yacht. Sally Skelton reports (with pictures):]*



This (John Worl)

Well done Norvanners. This year's NorBel Rendezvous was a great success. In attendance from Norvan were **Bent & Carol Nielsen** on *Moni*, **John Atkinson & Sally Skelton** on *Spirit Mist Tu*, **Les & Nancy Johnson** on *Puppy*, **Guy Cooper & Alice Chung** on *Moomba*, **Ralph & Carole Murray** on *Murrmaid* and **Bill & Victoria Alcock** in their Land Yacht. Vancouver Island District South contributed **Bill Hennis** on *Kypu* and **Peter & Bonnie Jennings** on *Odysea*, while SurDel Squadron produced **Bill & D' Herringshaw** on *Searcher*. Not to be outdone, Bellevue was represented by Bellevue-Norvan joint members **Gus, Don & Sue Decock** on *Nifty Fifty*, **Bernie & Willa Conrad** on *Blue Heron*, **Mike & Diane Heinrich** on *Shellback*, **Vern & Laurel Redecker** on *Counter Point* and **John & Lucy Worl** on *Semper Fi II*, plus **Kris Boe** on *Boes Baby*, **Al & Kathy Felker** on *Somego*, **Dave & Dianne Green** on *Seascape*, **Ray & Eileen Huggins** on *Boadicea*, and **Peter Louden & Marie VanCleave** on *Lady Skocia*.

*Spirit Mist Tu* was first to arrive on Thursday evening. Friday welcomed the rest of the attendees as well as the sun. Sue Decock felt the weekend should begin with the offering of cool refreshment in the form of a pathetic looking, and operating, water pistol. Of course, other members felt they could do so much better

and the appearance of larger and more effective water projectiles were continually introduced [they should have borrowed my CPS 3000, a magnificent water gun with the "ammunition" carried in a backpack-Ed.]. The final crescendo was delivered by Maestro Bill Hennis demonstrating that water en masse, delivered with style and grace, can leave squirts of water looking extremely pathetic. I am sure Bill thanked Diane (Heinrich) for her unknowing, yet critically important, role in the water fight finale.

Dinner welcomed 34 at the Pub where all spent the evening enjoying good company and delicious food. John treated me by cooking a delicious meal on board then having

a huge cake presented to me for my birthday. Luckily, there were enough people to assist, not only with the candles but with devouring the chocolate delight.

Saturday morning saw some taking a trip to Pacific Northwest Raptors where leisurely walks around the compound to view the various birds was followed by a rewarding display of these beautiful birds as they are in the wild. Other members opted to take the Courtesy Van to town to purchase exotic foods for the pot-luck dinner in the evening. As always, the food was good and Norvan Cdr. Guy Cooper took the opportunity to publicly



Leads to this, as Ralph looks on

recognize those in attendance as well as express gratitude to Mike & Diane Heinrich for a job well done in organizing the event.

On Sunday, the flotilla of dinghies headed out to the Grapevine Restaurant to enjoy the fare offered for lunch. Once all fed, fat and sassy, we headed back to take a siesta and prepare for

dinner. Another veritable feast was laid out for all to enjoy, then tired, even more well fed and watered, we all retired for the night.

Monday morning we all rose to coffee and donuts, breakfast of champions before bidding all a fond farewell to old friends, as well as new ones. All in all a terrific weekend with the weather co-operating beautifully.

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

REGISTER AND FIRST CLASSES FOR:

**BOATING** (15 weeks)

PACIFIC MARINE TRAINING CAMPUS  
265 WEST ESPLANADE  
ON **SEPTEMBER 4** AT 1900

**BOAT PRO** (1 day)

CAPILANO MALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
ON **SEPTEMBER 22** AT 0930

**VHF RADIO** (4 Mondays)

BURRARD YACHT CLUB  
ON **OCTOBER 15** AT 1900

**NAVIGATING WITH GPS** (4 nights)  
TBA

FOR INFORMATION, CALL

**STO PAT LEWIS** AT 980-2200

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.

October 28      **Student Cruise and BBQ**      Deep Cove

Details: call Cruisemaster **Frank Poratto** (913-9092). We look forward to seeing you there!

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



## COMMANDER'S CORNER



**The Back to School Edition**  
*"Welcome back. Your dreams were your ticket out..."* . John Sebastian of the Loving Spoonful wrote those memorable lyrics. And like the '70's TV show *Welcome Back, Kotter*, your boating education is your ticket for getting out and enjoying time on the water. Norvan is getting ready to go back to school. And we have courses for you, a loved one, and a friend.

**Fall Course Lineup** This Fall, Norvan is offering **VHF Radio** (2 hr/wk, 4 wks) and a new course, **Navigating with GPS** (2 hr/wk, 6 wks). For celebrity hounds, Mr. **Tony Gardiner**, past CPS grand poobah (Chief Commander) and an honoured professional electrical engineer will be one of the instructors. If you are

already a Norvan instructor or would like to be one, Norvan will also be presenting **Instructor Training**.

Other offerings include the traditional 15 week **Boating Course** with Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC) test. For those really short on time, Norvan offers a one day **Boat Pro** course which concludes with the PCOC test. Interested? Give Training Boss **Patricia (Pat) Lewis** a call at 604-980-2200. Also, book early for the January 2008 Piloting Course - this 14 week course is the sequel to the Boating Course.

**The Gift of the Sailor** Are your grown-up kids hitting you up for the keys to the boat? Consider a stall tactic by signing them up for the

Boating Course. How about your spouse? Would you like to sleep in the cabin while they are sweating it on deck? The Boating Course would be as much as a gift for you as them and, you will feel better knowing they are properly trained.

**Norvan Training Group** The global purpose of CPS is to teach safe boating. Norvan is blessed with a dedicated training group that puts in long hours effectively and cheerfully. The training officers and proctors work several hours each week especially during each of the 14 week Boating Course sessions. The instructors that we have are first class with a solid background in formal and on-sea training. We are always looking for new proctors, instructors, and students.

**Norvan Soul** I was talking at the Norvan-Bellevue Maple Bay get-

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## TRAINING TOPICS

Ready to GO

As the Lazy Days of summer are starting to wind down, the Training department is starting to put everything together to start-up. This Fall, Norvan's Instructors and Proctors are teaching the **Boating Course** starting **September 4** at 1900 for 15 consecutive weeks at the BCIT Campus on Esplanade. The cost has been set at \$275.00 per person (set by District) This course is an excellent way to learn boating safety, rules, navigation and chart plotting. All students taking the course will receive excellent training in the classroom, a student hands-on cruise on the water, a dryland cruise refresher class, and upon Graduation, will receive their PCOC card plus a 1 year membership with the Power Squadron. So please inform any of your friends, family or acquaintances of what we, at Norvan, offer. We would love to have them. To date, we have 21 students signed up for the September class and the phone calls and e-mails just keep coming.

### Is this YOU?

Has it been a few years since you took the boating course or have you just completed the course and would like to jog that memory? Think seriously about coming out to proctor. If you are unsure of this, don't worry, we DO pair you up with an experienced Proctor who will show you just how easy it is. We have a great group of people who enjoy each other both in and outside the classroom. Think about it and let me know if you are interested. (604) 980-2200 We kind of think of ourselves as being "A Cheap Man's Yacht Club" and we do have fun!!

### Kudos

I would like to take this opportunity to send my thanks out to our Public Relations Man, **Web Teetzel**, for doing such a great job of all the advertising for Norvan. The ad for the North Shore News is coming out soon and he is also

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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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picking out prime areas to place signs advertising the Boating course. If you live on a main street or a well traveled area and are willing to put a lawn sign up, please give Web a call at (604) 980 - 7951. Also I would like to thank our Supply Officer, **Joe Inkster**, for his dedication and enthusiasm. He has all the training materials bagged and ready for our first night!!

### Epirb Alert

Headquarters advises that the International Cospas-Sarsat Organization will terminate satellite processing of distress signals from 121.5 and 243 MHz emergency beacons on **February 1, 2009**. After this date, mariners, aviators and other persons will have to switch to emergency beacons operating at 406 MHz in order to be detected by satellites. To prepare beacon users for the end of 121.5 MHz frequency processing by satellites, the FCC in the USA has prohibited the use of 121.5 MHz EPIRBs as of January 1, 2007. The implication of this Cospas-Sarsat decision is that users of beacons that send distress alerts on 121.5 and 243 MHz should switch to beacons operating on 406 MHz if they want the alerts to be detected and relayed by satellites. Meanwhile, anyone planning to buy a new distress beacon needs to be aware and take the Cospas-Sarsat decision into account.

### Great courses offered

As mentioned before, Norvan is

offering some awesome Elective Courses for this Fall. Please register for any of the following by calling me at (604) 980-2200: **VHF** Monday, October 15 - November 4, **Boat Pro** Saturday, September 22, **Navigating with GPS**, TBA, **Piloting** (Advanced Course) TBA, in the Spring.

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

Pat Lewis STO  
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[Some pictures you just can't pass up]

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together with **Ralph and Carole Murray** - a Norvan CPS poster-board couple. Their CPS careers span squadron commanderships, a district commandership, and both are now involved at high profile National positions. Although they now live on the Sunshine Coast, they attend many squadron functions, and have nothing but pride for their squadron's past successes and accomplishments. They are committed to it's future.

**Financial Stuff** Sorry to bother you

about this, but if you have not renewed your squadron membership, please do. Otherwise we will stop your Anchor Watch subscription and other tough things may happen. I am a big on-line payer. I hate writing cheques, finding envelopes then figuring out the current postage rate. Does the stamp posted price include GST? I don't know. But on-line it is short and sweet and the email receipt is received rapidly. A little delinquent? Go to the CPS National website <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/> and pay-away.

**Summer Sails By** I never get in as much boating as I planned. Barely enough to justify owning a boat. Things get in the way - work, spouse, kids, Squadron stuff. Be a better man (read person if you are not) than me, and get your on-water time before the fair winds foul. Boating time is proven to improve and increase your quality of life. *Commander, Guy*

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## NEVER SAY NEVER

*[From "Stitches", The Journal of Medical Humour]*

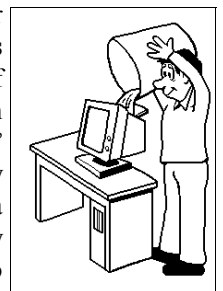
- ☉ Never hit a man with glasses, hit him with something bigger and heavier
- ☉ Never say anything on the phone that you wouldn't want your mother to hear at your trial
- ☉ never wear a backwards baseball cap to an interview unless applying for the job of umpire

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## FLOTSAM

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

I gather that some of you (including me) got pale copies of our last issue, while others got a darker version. While I write this fine publication, I don't print it, but we'll try to do better in the future ☼ **Goofs Galore:** in previous issues we have had fun with *The Sun* and *The Province* over their lack of proofreaders, but other sources also spring up, such as a young representative of a winery who, upon appearing on the Global morning news, left two bottles behind so that the staff would have a "funner" morning. Undaunted, the "In the News" section of the Telus home page on July 18 headlined "Disability support group plagued with crippling workload". Seems logical. And when did "issue" become a synonym for "problem"? ☼ **How Deep?:** an engineer on the Canada Line project is reported in the July 18th *Province* as saying that "at the tunnel's deepest point, the floor is 20 metres underground and 10 to 15 metres under the waters of False Creek at high tide". Does it get deeper or shallower at low tide? ☼ **Oh Yeah?:** late candidates: on Global's morning news on July 20, **Lynn Collyar** announced that "waterspouts only occur over bodies of water". This has a ring of truth to it. Then on the same show but on August 6, following their latest mishap, a commentator opined that "CN has a bad track record". You think? ☼



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