



# ANCHOR WATCH



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## Norvan – Bellevue Rendezvous August 1-6, 2008

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Norvan - Bellevue (Nor-Bel) Rendezvous started off at the accommodating and well-appointed Maple Bay Marina. Located on Vancouver Island, 10 km west of Duncan, the marina has a large covered gathering area that became the focal point of group dinners. It also has a c-store, ample showers, an excellent restaurant, and an inviting pub. The star of the Marina is Carol Messier who for the past five years has been our always-smiling social coordinator. Carol logged many van-hours shuttling our group around Duncan.

Norvan has had a special relationship with the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron for nearly 20 years. We attend each

others social functions, exchange boating info, and there are 25 Bellevue members who are full-fledged members of Norvan. This year's Nor-Bel cruise at the invitation of Bellevue, extended past the long weekend with Norvaner's traveling to Telegraph Harbour with Bellevue.

The coordinator-extraordinaire was Bellevue's Cruisemaster, Mike Heinrich with strong support from his wife Dianne. Attendees from Norvan included Nancy and Les Johnson, on *Puppy*, Donna and Doug Wood on *Classy Lady II*, Bill and Victoria Alcock with Victoria's Mom Olivetti staying with Victoria's sister in Duncan, there was also the accidental Norvan attendee Dale Marchessault whose boat *La Mia Marchesa* was enjoying three weeks of dry dock at the Maple Bay Marina recouping following a vigorous encounter with a dead head log in Porlier Passage, and Miss Alice and your Commander Guy aboard their humble and experienced *Moomba* sailboat. The District Commander for Pacific Mainland District, Dave Peebles



Dinner on the Dock with Bellevue Telegraph Harbour

and his wife Jackie were a welcome sight. From the Bellevue side, there were about eight boats and 25 people.

Friday night started with a brief happy hour "meeting" to finalize the social agenda followed by dinner at the Marina's restaurant. After the main course, Bellevue's Sue Decock graciously provided a large birthday cake, along with party favours to cap off a week of festivities for hubby Don's big five-oh. Despite his advanced age, Don later showed he still "had it" when he threaded the needle in extracting the family yacht *Nifty-Fifty* from a tight and windy parking spot. On

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Donna and Alice...out and about!

## Something Old, Something New



No, I don't need anything borrowed or blue...not this month anyway.....though I'm told it's long overdue.

So what am I talking about then? Well...if you look up at that title bar...you'll see the Anchor Watch has had a bit of a sex change. Our well known, long time Editor Tom Symons has decided to retire his pen. Permanent or not?. Time will tell...perhaps I will horrify him so much that he will kick me out of my new found, precarious perch (I can hope, can't I?). I'm not quite sure what happened...one minute I was overwhelmed with work and volunteer projects...the next minute I had been cleverly guided into a corner where I somehow "volunteered" to take over the semi-auspicious duties of filling a monthly newsletter with the goings-on of a Squadron. I managed to foist a few duties elsewhere...but...you are all apparently now stuck with the ramblings of a semi-professional fish biologist at the helm of the Anchor Watch. What does that

mean for you? Well, if everyone else fulfils their duties and writes stories that I can format and include...not much.... If they don't however...it means I will be filling space with scientific anecdotes and biological trivia which, while I find astoundingly COOL! may or may not interest you. At least my students always feigned interest...but they were a rather captive audience.

So, I say Thank you to Tom Symons for all his help and the years he edited this newsletter. Also, if you have anything you would like to see in here...now's the time. Stories gratefully accepted at [paige\\_ackerman@telus.net](mailto:paige_ackerman@telus.net), or [webmistress@norvan.cps-ecp.org](mailto:webmistress@norvan.cps-ecp.org), or [publications@norvan.cps-ecp.org](mailto:publications@norvan.cps-ecp.org) ...or...any other email address you might have for me...and bear with me while I break in this newfound position, the look and feel may change a bit over time...as I have time. I hope the future changes will be well received. Comments are welcome!

Paige Ackerman (Editor...apparently...)

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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

STARTS **SEPTEMBER 2nd** AT 1900

**PILOTING (SEAMANSHIP)**

**LOCATION (TBA)**

STARTING **SEPTEMBER 11th** AT 1900

**VHF RADIO** (4 Mondays)

BURRARD YACHT CLUB

ON **OCTOBER 20th - NOVEMBER 10th** AT 1900

**NAVIGATING WITH GPS** (4 nights)

OCTOBER 8th - 22nd

FOR INFORMATION, CALL

**STO PAT LEWIS AT 980-2200**

**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 26th

**Fall Student Cruise & BBQ**

Burrard Yacht Club  
or Deep Cove (TBA)

**Details:** call Cruisemaster **Bob Lowden** at 987-0660 or **Frank Mogridge** at 604-435-6026 for further information.

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



## COMMANDER'S



**August Soothes the Soul.** "Summertime, And the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin'. And the cotton is high". Although the cotton ain't so high 'round these parts, the other parts of George Gershwin's 1935 *Porgy and Bess* lullaby rings true. Me and Miss Alice have just come off a great week on the water in our old Discovery 32 foot sailboat. We enjoyed socializing with fellow Norvan members and our sister squadron members from Bellevue at Maple Bay and Telegraph Harbour. The waters of the Pacific Southwest (from Norvan's perspective) have to be among the best in the world for boating. Sure some other places have warmer water, are tropical, have a few palm trees. But here we have this big buffer called Vancouver Island, and a hundred smaller islands,

inlets, bays, waterfalls through which to navigate and moor. **Don't Cut in Front of Me Department.** Truth be told (as it always should), me and Miss A. are checking out some power boats with attractive pricing south of our border. According to a Bellingham boat broker, 40% of sales are to Canadians. **CPS National Website Course Sign-Up.** Starting with the Fall courses, you can sign up (o.k., pay up) for Norvan courses on the CPS website. Go to <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/public/>. Of course you can always phone our Squadron Training Chief Patricia (Pat) Lewis for that friendly and personal touch. Pat has the scoop on all the fall offerings. **Tip of the Week.** Not many people get their painter (e.g. dingy line)

wrapped around their propeller since a propylene line is supposed to float. I am not familiar with the problem, too much. However, I heard a neat trick, I will try next time, or if it should happen. Carol (he has interesting name derivation story) Walker of Bellevue may have been in such a situation with a line wrapped around his propeller shaft. Story goes that without any underwater heroics, he slowly reversed propeller direction while carefully pulling on the entangled line. This trick is not for the light-hearted and may require a high degree of skill and judgment. I throw it out there (the idea, not the line) not as recommendation but as an observation. **Donation of The Week (or month or year).** Many thanks to our Assistant Training Officer Ted Lewis for his donation, through his employer Telus (well actually past employer since Ted retired in June) to the Norvan squadron. Telus offers a charitable donation to, well-deserving, charitable, non-profit organiza-

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## TRAINING TOPICS

### We're all set to launch

Hope all of you are enjoying this fabulous summer we are having. The waters have been awesome and some of those windy days have been outstanding for you sailors. The Training Dept. has been busy and is all set and ready to go for our Fall sessions. The **Fall Boat-ing** class will start on Tuesday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. down at the BCIT Training Campus. The class is starting to fill up, so if you know of anyone wanting the course, please get them to call me, as our classes have been rather large over this past year. Other classes that are also starting this Fall are:- **Navigating with GPS** Wednesday, **October 8 – 22**, **VHF** Monday, **October 20 – Nov. 10**, **Seamanship (Piloting)** Thursday, **September 11**. So if you want to increase your skills and knowledge with any of these courses, give me a call to get yourself a seat in the class.

### New Crew

We are always excited to have new crew members on board. This season we have 3 new Instructors and 4 new Proctors. They are:- **Royston Colbourne, Dave Gunby, and Burns McLellan along with Joanne McLellan, Bill Gilmartin, Robin Sirett and Ray Rogers.** Welcome aboard everyone.

### Kiddos

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PR 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 Web is also looking at all those prime areas to place our Boating Course signs (sometimes you have to look up) If you live on a main street or in a well traveled area and are willing to put up a lawn sign, please give Web a call (604) 980-7951.

### Take notes

Hey, did any of you see anything of interest out on the waters over these past couple of months? Do let us know, please. You see, we collect stuff!! Photos are good, stories are

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## Social Notes



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

### Crab Feast/Auction

- Nov 8th, 2008

### Christmas Party/Student Graduation

- Dec 16th, 2008

### Bellevue Crab Feed

- Jan 24th, 2009

### Norvan Wine and Cheese/Pub Night

- Feb 7th, 2009

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

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awesome, not to mention being a witness to “something”. For example: last year Ted & I were over on Saturna Island for July 1<sup>st</sup>. when the “Robertson 11” hit the reef just off Winter Cove. We couldn’t believe what we saw. Took lots of pictures. Well, we were back again this year and all that is left is her bow sticking up. It is very sad for what was such a beautiful ship. For those who never saw her, she was a replica of the schooner on the back of the dime (10 cent piece).

On behalf of the Training Department, we hope you all are having a wonderful safe and happy summer. See you in class come September.

Pat Lewis (STO)

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tions such as Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. Contact our executive officer Stan Shepherd or me if you are interested in making any donations or bequests to your home Squadron, Norvan. You know any contributions would be well appreciated and used for a worthwhile cause. **Boat Names (lose most of the audience category).** Being an engineer (I am a mechanic Jim, dammit not a doctor), I saw some technical-worthy boat names last week including, *Tectonics* (as in geological plate tectonics –oh no earthquake), *Electron Cloud* (must be a physics major– wave or particle?) and *Entropy*. *Entropy* is funny name and physics’ concept that says molecular and global systems have propensity towards

increasing disorder. Not too up-beat, but earthy. That is all the news that fits.

Cheers.

Commander Guy.



Mike Heinrich explains Pizza Rules

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Saturday, folks followed their own paths. Some shopped in Duncan, energetic ones hiked 10k to nearby Genoa Bay, naturalists visited the Pacific Northwest Raptors Centre, and beverage enthusiasts (e.g. your Commander and wife) enjoyed the short tour but long-lasting tasting sessions at the Merrydale Ciderworks. Saturday night’s pot luck dinner turned out be great luck as a result of the quality of the offerings. Next day, Sunday’s lunch started with a dinghy assault on the nearby Grapevine Restaurant. The million dollar deck view coupled with a splash of white wine, sunshine, and tasty food melted away any residual work or home stress.

Relaxed smiles were seen on the water as the dinghies returned home.

Next on the Sunday hit parade was the barbeque dinner with pot-luck fixings. It turns out that BBQ’ing still is man-thing and man did the men deliver. After, the encore melt-in-your-mouth dessert was ice cream sundaes with all the fixin’s served out by Mike and Dianne Heinrich. Monday morning early-risers (before 9:30, this excluded your captain and wife) had a continental breakfast of some sort before moving north to Telegraph Harbour marina. We arrived in Telegraph on Monday August 4 and Ray and Eileen Huggins of Bellevue honoured the occasion with a string of flags

on their forward line that translated into “Happy BC Day”. Two days in Telegraph Harbour went by fast with a group pizza dinner, ferry shopping trips to Chemainus, and a dockside farewell dinner. On Wednesday morning the remaining group dissipated to the four corners with fond memories and plans to regroup at the Norvan crab feast, if not earlier.

Guy Cooper (Commander)

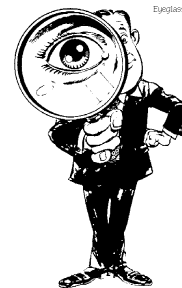
### News Flash

**“One ship carrying blue paint collided with another ship carrying red paint. The crew is missing and believed to be marooned!”**

## FLOTSAM

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

Surprise! I’m baaaack! The new management took pity on the now-unemployed old man and, after spreading his former tasks over 3 different persons, left this little corner to me, so the BS continues ❁ **And:** I have also been retained as the Chief Detective, Prosecutor and Judge in the hotly uncontested race for the Horse’s Ass Trophy. Alienate a friend! Keep those cards and letter coming (symons@telus.net) ❁ **The Perfect Lob:** all the goofs are not in (or employed by) the papers. An NBC announcer described the 4th set of the Federer-Nadal tennis match as one “we’ll never forget for a long time”. Or even longer? ❁ **Where Are The Darryls?** on April 4, 2008, *The Province* reported that a motorcycle was being constructed for a disabled woman by “brothers Paulie Teutel Sr. and Jr.”. All in the family? ❁ **Whodat?:** as the vacationers start to leave, here’s how to identify where they came from: (a) both hands in air, gesturing, both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat: **Quebec** (b) one hand on wheel, one hand on horn: **Montreal** (c) one hand on wheel, one finger out window: **Toronto** (d) one hand on wheel, one finger out window, cutting across all lanes of traffic: **Ottawa** (e) both hands on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: **Saskatchewan**, but driving in Vancouver (f) one hand on 12 oz. double latte, one knee on wheel, cradling cell phone, foot on brake, mind on radio game, banging head on steering wheel while stuck in traffic: one of our own (g) two hands gripping wheel, blue hair barely visible above windshield, driving 40 km/hr on Highway 1 in the left lane with the left blinker on: **Victoria** ❁ **Hey:** this working part time is fun. More fine trash next issue, so stay tuned - Tom❁



HA, Anyone?