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Fraser Squadron

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Commanders Comments



I have been involved with Fraser Squadron for over 7 years as a volunteer, and have been rewarded in so many ways with the friends that I have made and the knowledge passed on to me by the members of Fraser Squadron and from other boaters. As a volunteer organization we need your help! It may consist of only a few hours a month to help Proctor, instruct one of our boating courses or just be a member of our Bridge..... You will find the experience to be very rewarding.... In our business life we typically meet people who are in the same field of work, but as a volunteer for CPS you will meet people with many different backgrounds which can enrich our own lives.

2013 Has been a very busy year for Fraser Squadron and while the number of students that have been taking our Boating Essentials courses has been down, the same cannot be said for our Boating Basics as we have seen an increase in student attendance especially in our Boating Basics in Mandarin. Our VHF course continues to be very popular so that you can get your ROC (M) certificate, and we will be offering a one day course on Saturday January 25th, but certain restrictions will apply before you can take this course. Please contact training officer for details on this and other courses we are offering in 2014.

On November 30th we had our Fraser Squadron Xmas Dinner & Dance with over 70 people in attendance. If you have not attended one of our Xmas parties I encourage you to so in 2014 as our DJ Sean makes it a wonderful experience!

As mentioned in our previous Fairlead Fraser Power & Sail Squadron will be celebrating our 50th anniversary which we will celebrate with Floats in the Ladner May Day Parade & Steveston Canada Day celebration. The official date for our anniversary is Friday Oct 31st. We are looking for stories, pictures etc that you may be able to share with us. So if you are a long time member, or you have a family member or friend who was involved with Fraser Squadron please let them know that 2014 is the 50th anniversary of Fraser Power & Sail Squadron.

In closing I would like to say a big thank you to the dedicated group of Fraser Squadron volunteers who make up our bridge and wish you all a Happy New Year and a pleasant and prosperous 2014

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2013 Christmas Party

Our DJ changed it up a little this year and we all enjoyed the party.
Can not wait till next year.



How many balloons can you blow up and stuff in this shirt?



It can't be a Christmas party without a Christmas tree.



Just Having Fun



Christmas party trophy Presentations

We awarded two trophy winners this year at the Christmas party; The Pleasure Bent trophy was awarded to (Jenny) Huynh, Minh Phung. Jenny had the misfortune of hitting a dead head during a training session.

Our Fishing Trophy went to Luin Xue. He landed a 25lb Cod, beating out Dave Mellis's 15lb salmon.



Vancouver International Boat Show

\$10.00 TICKETS

Dates have been move forward this year due to the February Stat holiday Family Day. *New dates are.*

January 22 to January 26 BC place and Granville Island floating show - Free Shuttle bus available.

Fraser Squadron has purchases 100 tickets and we are offering to our members a savings of \$5.00.

Regular price at the window is \$15.00.

Order yours for \$10.00 from Fraser Squadron.

Go to our Web Page or call Byron 604-271-7938

We will see you at the show!



Jim Poirier's Great Adventure



Jim is still tied to the dock at Marina de la Paz. Cruising the waters around the area snorkeling and tanning . Donna said he shaved his mustache, it was causing his diving mask to leak. Donna his wife had never seen Jim without a mustache. So he waits till February when the winds and currents will carry him on the next leg south to Easter Island.



Here we have a picture of an unfortunate boat sinking, at least they were able to mark it with a float.

In Memory of John Moran

A long time Life Member of Fraser Power and Sail Squadron, John Moran, passed away Dec.29, 2013. John was a great Power Squadron supporter. He dedicated many years to Fraser Squadron and CPS National with his teaching and course director skills.

Take a look at this, down load PDF charts files.

NOAA's newest addition to the nautical charting portfolio is the new Portable Document Format (PDF) nautical chart, which provides up-to-date navigation information in this universally available file type. The PDF nautical charts are available for a three-month trial period, from October 22, 2013, to January 22, 2014.

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/>



Fraser River Dredging Update for Ladner

Project has been split into 2 phases. Phase one is to happen ASAP and will include Lower sea reach , lower Deas slough and all Ladner harbour approx 5.3 million dollars.

(PMV are managing the dredging of our local channels) are waiting approval from MOE & DFO re clearance for “in River disposal” at Deas slough and lower Sea Reach. If we have to barge all of this material to ocean disposal (maybe up to the Point Grey site) , that could add almost one million dollars to the project and financially pretty much sink any hope of doing more next year.

As for timing,, there is a chance they may get all the clearances in time to dredge prior to Feb 25 DFO dredging shut down.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons is featured in the 2014 Children's Wish Foundation Boating Calendar.

Our page advertises the value of our courses across the country and our new course website: <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/>.

The total cost of this calendar is \$25.00 including taxes, shipping and handling anywhere in North America. You can order a calendar from:

<http://thecommunityfundraiser-com.myshopify.com/products/boating-calendar>.

Proceeds from this project provide children with life-threatening illnesses the opportunity to realize their most heartfelt wish.

Best regards,

Jim Brown, S

National Administrative Officer



West Can celebrates their 2013 on the water graduation ceremony with International Yacht Training IYT

Here we can see a good portion of the group and more off to the right of the picture.



Commander Byron Buie, past Commander Bob Juulsen and past Commander Rick Easthom attend West Can Yacht Clubs IYT graduation. All these CPS grads continued on with their training on the water with IYT, with great results.

West Can Yacht Club Hosts a 2014 Chinese New Years celebration



UBC Boat House next to Richmond Yacht Club
February 08 2014, 3:30 PM to 9 PM
\$150.00 per person
RSVP by January 30th 2014
Call 778-919-0723
Email: jack4u88@yahoo.com

Classes in Mandarin are on going
Call 778-919-0723

2014 Training Schedule

Call 604-786-5678

VHF Course

Member Price single \$70.00, couple \$90.00 (must share printed material)

Non Members price single \$80.00, couple \$100.00

Saturday January 25th a 1 day course

Note this is a one day course, you will be given your course material ahead of the course date so that you can study and memorize prior to the class date. Class will review all the material then hold the exam.

Boating Basics Course

Price \$125.00 for a single / \$175.00 per couple (must share printed material).

Starts January 14, Richmond

Starts January 16, Ladner

Boating Basics is the bare minimum of knowledge required to obtain your boaters certificate.

This certificate will get you out on the water. (We recommend you also take Boating Essentials, this course will get you back safely).

Boating Essentials Course

Price \$290.00 single / \$465.00 per couple (must share material).

Starts February 18th Richmond

Starts February 20th Ladner

Boating Basics gets you out there, **Boating Essentials** brings you back.

Enjoyment and safety on the water require knowledge. Boating Essentials will take you to the next level in your boating education. Technology has changed the way that we navigate.

However, in order to use a GPS/chartplotter effectively, you should understand the use of paper charts and coastal navigation. The topics covered in this course, magnetic compass, global positioning and charts, navigation, conning, plotting, digital charting, anchoring, lines and ropes, will increase your boating knowledge and make your adventures on the water safe and enjoyable.

***One year complimentary Regular Membership with PCOC and Boating Essentials**

**** Fraser Squadron package offer: Boating Basics AND Boating Essentials, plus free seminars on 'Tides & Currents' and ' Anchoring' plus a \$20.00 coupon (one per family) towards the VHF Marine Radio Course**

Contact the Training Officer at 604-786-5678 for information and to pre-register.

A summer trip to Pitt Lake

There are many wonderful places that you can go on a weekend and one that most cruisers do not think of is Pitt Lake. The beauty of this lake is that it is set right in the mountains and yet it is accessible for any and all boaters as long as you are prepared to make the journey.

We like to make the trip on one of those truly hot weekends when there is nothing more lovely than jumping off the boat into warm fresh water. Now most of us know that swimming anywhere in our local waters can be rather chilly! This is what makes Pitt Lake so appealing. It is actually warm!

We decided to go to Pitt Lake with our Daughter and Son in law and their two children on their boat "Cheeky" and we on ours for an overnight trip. The day was hot, the winds were calm so we set off. The trip takes about one and one half hours from our slip to the opening of Pitt Lake from the Pitt River. If you have never been there before it is quite interesting as the lake opens on your port side right opposite the local boat launch ramp. However if you turn into the lake at this point you will immediately find yourself in ankle deep water. The channel is well marked with green port hand can buoys but it always seems that there is at least one boat who has NOT taken the CPS boating course and is aground with passengers standing around their boat trying to push it back into deeper water. Having been there many times before we followed the channel down to the cliff face at the far end and then turned hard to port to follow the channel well out into the lake.

Now Pitt Lake does not have many well protected bays so it is really a matter of choosing a beach off of which to anchor. We did this and settled down for a pleasant afternoon of swimming and playing with our Grandchildren. Later the BBQ was fired up, hotdogs were cooked and eventually we all settled down for the night. This is when the fun started!

Pitt Lake sits in one of those valleys like Howe Sound which can be a funnel for strong outflow winds from the interior. These can spring up very suddenly and with amazing strength. The bottom of the lake also slopes down very dramatically from the shore so the holding is not always the best. At about 1.30 AM we were woken by violent wave action. Our Son and Daughter were already up on Cheeky and we all decided that it was time to pull our anchors and move! Now this becomes an interesting exercise in the pitch darkness, with the boat jumping up and down rather violently underneath you. I got the boat started and then ventured out onto the bow while Kouka held the flashlight and I pulled up the anchor as best I could. Of course now it was really hooked! Kouka now had to drive the boat forward as I was not strong enough and could not balance well enough to get the anchor up off the bottom. But because we are such a great team-----we did manage to get the anchor up and stowed. Now what to do?

Remember that we can hardly see our hand in front of our face and unfortunately we were beyond the range of our GPS, so the two of us crept along the shore using flashlights and hoping that we would find somewhere that we could sneak into. I knew that there was a small island further up the lake but it was a long way and with the speed that we were going it was going to take forever to get there. The thought of dropping the anchor with the wind blowing was also a major concern. Then like a vision out of the blackness a dock appeared. The decision was very quickly made and we both made fast. There was no one in the cabin at the top of the dock so we didn't have to explain the situation to anyone. Believe me if there had been a question we would have "begged for mercy."

The rest of the night was spent in restless slumber with the boat tugging at it's lines but at least it was securely tied. The next morning everything was back to normal. We had a great breakfast and then headed back.

Just a small word of warning, Pitt lake is a wonderful destination but like anywhere it can rear up and bite you so be prepared.

Coming Events

AGM April 25th
Grad Ceremony May 9th 2014

Fraser Squadron Celebrates Their 50th Anniversary

We have started planning our events for this year to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Our plans are to put afloat in the Ladner parade and the Steveston July 1st salmon festival parade.

Canadian Power Squadrons



Squadron Warrant

Be It Known that upon application duly made and pursuant to resolution of the Governing Board of Canadian Power Squadrons, a Squadron has been constituted, known as

Fraser Power Squadron

to consist of

H.H. Frimble. F.E. Furch. N. Conelley. W. J. Couch. A.W. Curran. W. Davey.
R.H. Dodd. L.F. Durant. R.W. Ferguson. P.W. Gunn. A. I. L. Mac Gregor.
R. Meggy. H.E. Naylor. A. Raiger. G.H. Siegmund. A. Watts.

and such other members of Canadian Power Squadrons, as may be elected to membership therein.

This Warrant is granted subject to the provisions of the By-Laws of Canadian Power Squadrons, and the Regulations of its Governing Board now or hereafter in force.

In Witness Whereof, this Warrant bears the seal of Canadian Power Squadrons and is issued under the hand of its Chief Commander and Secretary this 31st day of October 1964.


Secretary




Chief Commander