

COMMANDER ' S REPORT AUGUST 3, 2012

It has been a busy month, even though we are on our summer break.

I think the first topic should be our course line up for the fall.

As usual, we will be offering the boating course. This year, the boating course is in two parts. Part one is called Boating Basics and is the new CPS name for the PCOC course. Boating essentials is the CPS portion of the boating class. Boating Basics gets you out there, Boating Essentials, gets you back. The Basic Boating class starts on Wednesday Sept. 5 and Boating essentials will follow on Oct. 3

On October 4, 11 & 18 we are offering the Maritime Radio Course. It is two nights of lessons and one night for the exam.

October 2 sees the start of our weather course. This course will follow the CPS guidelines and will be taught by Bert Terhart who has a "hands on approach" to everything he teaches. The course will run for four nights, Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23.

Our big addition for this fall is our Seamanship Course. If you like a challenge and you did well in the boating class, this is the course for you. PCOC gets you out there, Boating Essentials gets you back and Seamanship makes you competent. At present we have 3 members signed on. We need 2 more to make an ideal class size. Please let me know if you are up to the challenge. The course starts on Oct. 30 and will run into the New Year.

We are also offering a number of workshops, starting on Oct. 1 with a workshop on the 12 volt system on your boat, followed on Oct 29 with a Practical Radio Course. Medical Emergencies will run on Nov. 26 and Emergencies at Sea will be presented on Jan 10. Aids to Navigation will be on Feb. 4 and Knots & splices will follow on March 4. All workshops are \$10 except for knots and splices, which is \$20 due to the cost of material required.

Please check our web site for detailed information:
powersquadron.gabriola.#12355CB

For those of you who attended the VIND Rendezvous, you know we had a great time. To see Don Butt's photos go to <http://dbutt.smugmug.com> and scroll to VIND 2012 view the photos. While at that site, scroll down to the Fireworks 2012 to view the Celebration of Light Cruise.

Li'l Gabe is out every Saturday at the Village promoting our fall courses and workshops. Cec, Bob Wood, Hans and myself will make you feel welcome if you wish to join us. We start at 1000 and finish around 1400.

Numbers you should know. The Squadron has now done 30 Courtesy Boat Checks. If you have not been checked, please give me a call at 250 247 7883 and we will be happy to come aboard and check you out.

Don't forget Thursday, August 16 for our monthly breakfast at Robert's Place. It is a simple social event. We shoot the breeze, enjoy good company, a good breakfast and go on our way. I hope to see you there.

For those of you who would like some Maritime Radio practice, I have our Squadron radios to loan out. Our radios do not transmit. The radios are joined by a cable that allow you to practice radio protocol in you own home without transmitting to the rest of the world. Give me a call at 250 247 7883 if you would like to use these radios to improve your radio expertise

To close this report, please mark your calendar for Sept. 15 for our annual beach cleanup followed by a bar-b-q at my place. Our Environmental Officer, Madeleine Ani, has made all the arrangements. You only need to show up, clean the beach and join us for a good feed. Please check this site for the beach cleanup details:

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Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Safe boating,

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