### Gabriola Island Squadron

**Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons**

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**SQUADRON EVENT CALENDAR**

- **District Conference and AGM**: Parksville, May 30, 31
- **District Rendezvous - Maple Bay**: August 22 - 24
- **Squadron Cruise**: July 26, details to follow from Ian.
- **Fall Social - TBA**: details to follow from Walter.
VIND AGM and Conference 2008

PARKSVILLE – OCEANSIDE AREA

HAWAII NORTH™ MEET AND GREET: Friday, May 30th – 1900 hrs.

Bring your Hawaii outfits, or your warm weather holiday wear, and enjoy some fun and fellowship with your colleagues from around the District. Can you do the hula dance or play the ukulele?

Accommodations –
The conference hotel is the Quality Resort Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, just off the highway beside Parksville’s famous minigolf resort. Room rates are $99.00 per night plus tax. Please call to make your own reservation – (250) 248-8333. Advise that you are attending the VIND Power Squadron conference.

Alternate Accommodations:
Paradise Seaside Motel/Resort, 411 Island Highway, (250) 248-6171
Parks Sands Beach Resort, 105 East Island Highway, (250) 248-3171
Sandcastle Inn, 374 West Island Highway, (250) 248-2334
Travelodge Parksville, 424 W. Island Highway, 1–800–661-3310
VIP Motel, 414 West Island Highway, (250) 248-0018

Boats:
Current Moorage Rates – French Creek Harbour – 1055 Lee Road, phone (250) 248-5051; Fax: (250) 248-5123 $0.75 per foot on a daily basis … 4 days or more get the 1/2 month rate, currently $2.36 per foot up to 54 feet.

R.V. Parking:
Paradise RV Park – 375 Island Highway, ocean views, phone (250) 248-6612.
Off season rates are $22 – 23.00 daily; weekly $120-125.00.
French Creek House Resort & Campground, 11025 Lee Road, phone (250) 248-3713 (call for rates)

Accompanying Persons Tour:
The Accompanying Persons Tour will leave the parking lot of the Quality Resort Bayside at 1000 hrs and return at approximately 1430 hrs. The tour will include the beautiful Milner Gardens with lunch at the beautiful new Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course Clubhouse. Casual attire appropriate.

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Begins at 0900 Saturday May 31 at the Quality Resort Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville BC. This is followed by a short Council meeting. During the early afternoon the Joint Commanders and Training Officers Meeting will be held in the same location. There’s lots of fun with the dinner and entertainment on Saturday night.

See the VIND website for details http://www.vind.org/

It was a great day for a Cruise

Saturday May 10, sure it was cloudy, but winds were gentle and the seas calm. A record 30 members joined in for a sail (well, mostly motor) to the Dinghy Dock Pub for lunch and social time. Thanks to Cruisemaster Ian Waymark - great arrangements.

A TOAST!

Ted Davis, wooden boat builder: "I think I can fix this!"

Cdr Bob and Judy Weenk, Ted Davis putting A Cappella away after the cruise.

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The Annual General Meeting and Grad Night
Saturday May 3, 2008

Environmental Issues

As Gabriolans we are extremely lucky to live in the centre of one of the best boating areas in the world. Some of the things that make many of our boating experiences so memorable are also those that made this area one of the richest marine habitats anywhere. The fast flowing currents, the secluded anchorages, the abundance of marine life, the barely covered reefs and the changing weather, all go together to create a fabulous place to be, for us and for over 3000 species of marine life that call these waters home. Yet even here on our little piece of paradise, the arms of an industrialized and consumer oriented society are reaching out and threatening the health of the waters we all care about. Indeed oceans everywhere are under serious threat no matter how fine things may seem on the surface.

Most of us cannot change the major effects on the waters but we do have control over our own personal actions and indeed we all have a sphere of influence no matter how large or small. I’m honoured to be the Gabriola Squadron’s new Environmental Officer and hope that as the year proceeds I can draw on the experience and dedication of our members to further develop our commitment to the health of our local waters. By looking at what we can do individually and as a squadron to follow “Green Boating” practices we will do our bit to for the oceans.

For more information on Green Boating visit www.GeorgiaStrait.org

Mike Richards, Squadron Environment Officer

Members – Take the “Canadian Boat Survey”

This survey is being conducted by a UBC PhD candidate, with the support of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The purpose of this survey is to gauge the amount of small boat traffic in BC waters and search for hot spots of boating activity. It will combine this with information about common antifouling practices. The staff will also be visiting harbours and marinas this summer to photograph hull fouling on small boats. Look for them on the docks this summer or contact them directly if you would like us to check your boat!

On recreational boats fouling species can attach to the hull, prop, anchors, lines and fishing gear. Increased fouling on small boats can negatively affect fuel efficiency, speed and cause increased maintenance costs to boat owners. Small boats may also serve as transportation for fouling plants and animals. Some of these species may be new to BC or Canada. The introduction and spread of new species in Canadian waters poses a large threat to native biodiversity and can have widespread effects on both our economy and health. Some of these species can become pests that cost money to control or remove.

To take the survey visit the web site below.

www.canadianboatsurvey.com/

The Sermon:

I think this Mom will never forget this particular Sunday sermon:

Dear Lord,‘ the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. ‘Without you, we are but dust...’

He would have continued but at that moment her very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to her and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, ‘Mom, what is butt dust?’

Oh well, would never have thought of this when I was a kid!
Upon my election to the office of Commander of the Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron, I feel it might be useful to give you some of my background as well as some observations collected in my three years as a squadron member.

I am a relatively recent arrival to the Coast from the Big Empty (Saskatoon). My wife Judy, (your treasurer) and I bought a lot on Gabriola about 8 years ago, and upon Judy’s retirement 3 years ago, we moved to the island and built the house we presently inhabit. While we both led very busy lives in Saskatchewan, Judy as a Physiotherapist and Physio Department Head and me as a high school English Teacher and Basketball Coach, there was always plenty of time for boating. We owned a lakefront cottage in Northern Saskatchewan with all the power boating activities that implies. As well, we spent a lot of time in our canoe, from sunset paddles at the cottage, to multi day wilderness canoe trips across the North.

Unfortunately the water in Saskatchewan is very different from the water which surrounds us now. No tides there; no currents that change direction three or four times a day and no BIG boats. We decided very quickly we needed to know a lot more than we knew then, so we signed up for the boating course and here we are.

During my time in CPS, I have learned a number of things, not all of them related to the various courses we have taken, proctored and taught over that last three years. I have met many fine people, a number of whom I count as friends, both among the students in the courses and my fellow instructors and Bridge members. In coming issues of Scuttlebutt, I will comment at greater length on my observations and the issues facing CPS as I perceive them.

Bob Weenk, your new Commander

Chuckles

Q: Name the four seasons.
A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.
A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?
A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (Brilliant, love this!)
A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?
A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?
A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?
A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?
A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.
A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)
A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?
A: A small lie.

Q: What does “varicose” mean? (I do love this one…)
A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term “Caesarian Section.”
A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word “benign” mean?
A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.