Monthly Squadron meetings are held at 1900 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at the Nanaimo Yacht Club (except July and August).

Any date changes will be announced.

Articles for publication must be in the hands of the editor by the 15th of each month.

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**Upcoming events**

- March 1 - VHF Course, 214 Prideaux Street, 0830
- March 3 - Boating Essentials starts, German Cultural Centre
- March 4 - Boat & Engine Maintenance starts, VIU, 1900
- March 11 - Squadron Meeting, NYC, 1900
- March 18 - Ladies Night, Carlos O’Brien’s Pub, 1500

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**Executive Committee**

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  - Tuesday March 11
  - Nanaimo Yacht Club, 1900

  **Speaker**
  - Dr Lorne Irvine
  - of Nanaimo Yacht Club

  **Using the AED to Save a Life!**

  Many marinas and recreational facilities have now installed Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s) to assist laypersons in helping those who have had heart attacks.

  YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE by using these.

  Learn how to use one—This is not to be missed!!

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### RESTRICTED OPERATOR (MARITIME) CERTIFICATE
(commonly known as VHF Operator’s certificate)

One day classes will be held on March 1 (full), April 26, May 17

Location—Safer Ocean Systems
214 Prideaux Street
Class size limited to 12 students

To register, or for more information contact Alexa Stochmal at koraldanser@shaw.ca or 250-390-3805

### Lubber Line Distribution method
We distribute the Lubber Line by e-mail to all members who have an e-mail address. To read it you will need Adobe Acrobat reader—available on a free download (go to the squadron website—click on the Lubber Line—and there is a link to the reader)
If you did not attend the February 11 meeting you really missed out. Greg Keel put on a great presentation regarding his purchase of a trimaran in Texas and subsequent trailering into Mexico, sailing it there, and then trailering it home. He had lots of logistics to consider and research to do prior to this undertaking.

Well, we finally have an idea for an informal event/get together. Steve Boycott has brought forward the idea of a Waymarking Hunt. As I understand it we put together a list of latitude/longitude locations which represent some Nanaimo landmarks. We then send out said list with some questions regarding the location, or a request for a photo taken at the landmark with at least one of the participants in said picture. Then we meet for a meal and social time. The beauty is that members without boats could take part and locations would be public and not physically demanding. Prizes would be either re-gifted items or donations so no expense to NPS. If you are willing to help Steve get this going, please contact me at koraldanser@shaw.ca or 250-390-3805. My sister put one of these together for her co-workers and said everyone had fun. THANKS, Steve. Also thanks to Bill Weller for the prize suggestion.

As stated at the February General Meeting, in March I will be asking for a vote regarding the increased assessment for which VIND will be asking. This will be $1.50/member. Whether you agree or disagree please come out and vote. As Commander, I need to know what you people think.

I attended another National Training Department webinar on February 12. These do not seem to be easy to put together. I have to say the best part was listening to the organizers and presenters saying it was not working, while we could hear everything they said. So many of us use different terms to say the same thing. One person would ask the controller to scroll to his next page, when what was meant was to bring up the next slide. It reminded me of trying to converse with a Chartered Accountant when I was a bookkeeper: A lot of misunderstandings due to terminology. I am still hoping to receive clarification on some points prior to letting you know what was discussed. I would not want to send on incorrect information.

Our March 1 Maritime Radio Course is full. This means we have two more of these courses prior to the start of the serious boating season. Courses will also be held April 26 and May 17. Let your friends know, and encourage them to enroll.

We are pursuing some cost cutting measures for the squadron, and hope to have good news at the March 11 meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Alexa Stochmal AP

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**Commander's Comments**

What a well behaved dog!
Training Update

There is still time to register for the Boating Essentials course (starting March 3rd). I am happy to report that the Boat and Engine Maintenance course beginning March 4th has a full slate of students.

If you are new to boating and have your PCOC, the Boating Essentials course will take you to the next level in your boating education.

The next Maritime Radio will take place on April 26.

If there is enough interest we will be offering, starting in April, the Fundamentals of Weather course. This CPS course will provide you with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in “reading” the sky and sea for optimum boating safety. Send me an email if you are interested in taking this course.

Douglass Legg
250-325-7877 or douglasslegg@yahoo.ca

SQUADRON MEMBERS - TELL ALL YOUR BOATING FRIENDS ABOUT THE UPCOMING BOATING ESSENTIALS COURSE
YOUR PCOC GETS YOU OUT ON THE WATER
THE BOATING ESSENTIALS GETS YOU BACK SAFELY

Boating Essentials: March 3 - May 5
$185/person (+110 for second family member sharing materials)
or $175/person (+$100 for second family member sharing materials if one is a CPS member or Nanaimo Yacht Club member

Location for all classes: German Society Hall
71 Caledonia Ave
Nanaimo

Register: on-line at http://www.boatingcourses.ca/cities/Nanaimo
or call Barb (250) 390-6880 or Alexa (250) 390-3805

Fundamentals of Weather: starting in April—with enough demand

Winds, waves, fog, lightning, hail, tornadoes … hurricanes! The wise boater respects and anticipates Mother Nature’s many moods.

Beyond “red sky in the morning”, this CPS Weather Course teaches you much about this fascinating subject, and how to be better prepared to assess the weather, both before you leave the dock and while you are out on the water.

Call Douglass Legg at 250-325-7877 for more information
Ladies Night Out
Tuesday March 18
Carlos O’Brien’s Pub
(formerly Muddy Waters)
at Stones Marina

All ladies are welcome—NPS members or not
Join us for an evening of good food and conversation
We start getting together around 1700 (5:00 pm)
and are looking forward to trying out this new pub

Chief Proctor’s Report
We’ve had 10 people volunteer 86 hours last month with class planning, assistance, class preparation and instruction. Classes began Jan. 20th. We have 13 students taking Boating Basics.

Velma Taylor

This is weirdly beautiful!!!!
St Joseph lighthouse, Lake Michigan
January 2014 after a storm

It is encased in ice
as the Midwest was hit
with wind chills that reached –50°
Bowling Night Blowout

If you weren't there you missed a great night! We had a record turnout of 32 people, 29 of whom bowled, the rest looking on in amusement. Many thanks to all who participated, and especially to Darlene Moss who provided the event with many great prizes; too many to mention here. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Also, I'd like to thank Lynda Colbeck for organizing the teams, and making sure that there was a good mix of old and new bowlers to heighten the fun. It was great to meet some new participants, and we hope that the same trend will continue for future events. Thanks also to those who provided appies and desserts for afterwards.

After the bowling we all repaired to the Yacht Club for refreshments, and for live music provided by our very own hall-of-famer Barry Ensign.

I know that Velma got lots of incriminating pictures. Two of them are shown to the left.

Bill Weller
Executive Officer’s Report

The Bowling Extravaganza was a great success with 32 members showing up. There was a lot of laughter, encouragement and friendly competition amongst the six teams! Velma took pictures of all our weird bowling forms!! Bill and Joanne were our cheerleaders!! We all went back to the Nanaimo Yacht Club and had great appies (thanks to all that helped supply appies), drinks and entertainment by NYC members and our Barry with his guitar. All agreed that it was great fun!! So put it on your calendars for next year!!

I have been busy calling and talking to members to fill the bridge positions and would like to know if anyone would like to be the Social Officer. Our present members holding these positions have worked for years and would like to step down, but would be willing to mentor anyone interested in taking the positions. This means that you would have help and direction until you felt comfortable in totally doing the position!! You do not have to be a long time member to take these positions!!

We also need someone with knowledge and experience in NPS to become Executive Officer. If you are interested please put you name forward. Please give Barb Hoffstrom or me a call if you are interested or would like to know what these positions involve. (Barb at 250 390 6880 or me at 250 616 6586).

Darlene Moss

Notice of General Meeting

In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Squadron Regulations, a General Meeting of the Nanaimo Power & Sail Squadron will be held at the Nanaimo Yacht Club on March 11, 2014 at 1900, for the purpose of:

1) Receiving, and if thought fit approving, reports of the Squadron Officers.
2) Receiving, and if thought fit approving, interim financial statements of the squadron.
3) Considering such further business as may properly come before the meeting.

Change of Address or Boat Name

Member(s) Name………………………………………………………………………………………..…… ……….
Old Address…………………………………………………………………………….……….Tel……………
New Address …………………………………………………………………………...……….Tel… …………………..
Boat Name - old…………………New…………………...…… e-mail ……………… ……………………...

Mail changes to Dana Giles, 612C Widgeon Place, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4Y1 (or e-mail dangil@shaw.ca)
Spring Cruising

There are plans afoot for the third (fourth?) annual spring cruise to Desolation Sound and environs. We have at least three boats going this year, with another two possible. Are you interested in going? The cruise leaves Nanaimo around the middle of May with departure date depending on the weather, and lasts as long as the skippers and crews hold up. The weather can be cool, but there are no (well, almost no) other boats around taking up the best anchorages. Last year for example we anchored in Melanie Cove with not another vessel in sight.

If you have never crossed the Strait of Georgia, and would like to do so in company with others, now is your opportunity. If you would like to gain experience in spending the night "on the hook", now is your chance. If you are interested in learning more, contact me, Bill, at "bill.weller@viu.ca", or 250-390-1883.

Prideaux Haven
on a beautiful day
in July