



The Quarterdeck



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Gulf Islands Cruise July 2002



Commander's Message

It seems hard to believe that Summer is coming to a close & Fall is just around the corner. It is really great that so many of our members came out & participated in the activities that were scheduled. There were two main cruises that took place over the Summer, one through the Gulf Islands & the other was to Desolation Sound. Word has it that each of the cruises had 20 some-odd boats in attendance at any given time. Talking to the various members that were able to make the journey, all had a fantastic time and are already looking forward to what's in store for next year. Thanks to Dave Attewell for the great job organizing the various cruises over the Summer. Shelley & I wish we could have been there with you all because it really does sound as though we missed out on a truly fantastic time. There's always next year.

With the Fall season coming up we also begin our 2002-03 training season. The Fall Boating Class begins, I believe on Sept. 17/02 and to date I understand there are over 46 students registered so far. It seems as though this could be a busy year for training. If anyone would like to get involved I'm sure Lawrence Schmidt, Steve van Gaalen, Chris Reniers or Randy Phillips would love to hear from you. Gary Sherriitt would be the person to contact if you'd like to get involved with the VHF radio program. Their contact numbers can be found in the Roster.

I'd like to take this time to thank Gibsons Marina & Shane Dougall of SCD Mobile Marine Repairs for their assistance to repair our boat, other than being at home we couldn't have been in a better place when our mishap occurred. We would also like to Thank Chris & Tom at Inlet Marine, who we called to get a replacement drive & pulled out all the stops to have it there virtually the next day so we could continue with our vacation. Thanks for the great service. (Commander's report continued page 2) →



Kid's Boating Class!

The first **Fall Kids' Boating Class** started off with a **BANG!** There were several excited students, and a 5-star panel of teachers all ready and willing! "*What could they possibly teach us about boating that we don't already know?*" Well, I think the students were very pleasantly surprised indeed! Knowledge was being sapped up by the little sponges at lightning speed, ... thanks to the keen guidance and teaching of Nadine and Steve van Gaalen, Chris Reniers and Randy Phillips. The props were **incredible**, as were the visuals (with my all-time favourite Con't on Page 2 →





Here we go again, ... luggage comes out, ... boxes being packed ... anxiety – panic ... are we going boat'n? boat'n ? boat'n ? Oh please please let it be so (tail-wag tail- wag). And yes, off we were on our first long cruise of the season. As we headed out of the marina, I wonder "where to this time"? Some of us spent the first night in False Creek and others went ahead to Wallace and Montague. The weather was ok, light rain here and there, but not too bad. Watched the masters play some real silly card game (shouting numbers at the top of their lungs), ... and also watched the raft-up slip back into canoe territory in the creek. "All hands on deck, all hands on deck" ... something about more anchors next time. The next morning, we cruised on past Wallace where it was way too windy (bad for the fur) and then onto Montague Harbour - one of my favourite spots – arf arf. Beach was great, did the swim in the sea thing several times, ... owners shake their heads ... "why can't I sleep on the bed"? It was so nice there, decided to stay an extra night. I didn't get to go to the Hummingbird Pub that night, ... it sure sounds like I missed a heck' of a time. Even all the kids got to go (no fair). Well then we were off to Port Sidney. A new marina for many of us mutts. Apparently we were an "event" in the Port Sidney Schedule Book but I didn't see anything about dogs in there. Oh well, had a blast with the PMS pack on the docks - me, Tucker, Anna, Scout, Kayla, Joey, Max & Ginger. We peed on all 19 power cords to all 19 boats that came on the trip. It was so great. Had a good fight with a goose on the dock. I think I lost. Unscheduled swim. Owners shake their heads again. But Melva went in too! (Bet she didn't have to sleep on the floor)! Anyways, we continued on to Genoa Bay (swam again) and it was very nice there. Next stop Maple Bay (also very nice) and then onto Thetis Island. The dogs and I all agreed, we liked Thetis best. Owners all had a big pot-luck up top, and we all licked our chops - the scraps were to die for. Then the humans had a big Volleyball Game (Port verses Starboard). They all looked very happy, we couldn't figure out who was winning. Lots of complaining about sore backs and muscles though. Whiners! Anyways, wished we could have stayed there longer, but it was onto Silva Bay for the final night. The sun was shining so bright, and the owners cruised the boats slowly, so we could enjoy it all and make it last longer. They all sang Happy Birthday to Joey's owner (Bob) on the radio in turns which was kind of sappy, but pretty funny. Silva Bay was nice, but unfortunately they all ate dinner at the restaurant so the handouts were few and far between. Luckily my owner Dave got the restaurant to deliver right to his hammock on the back deck of the boat. *Cheese ...* whatta life. It was a great 10-day trip, ... one of the best ever, no bones about it! Well, back to pushing a rock, pushing a rock ... (or was it chewing a sock)?

Skipper
First Mutt, On A Bubble



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE CON'T: There is still a lot of boating time left this year, so we hope to see you on the water. Don't forget to check the schedule of squadron events as there are a lot of things coming up for the Fall & Winter. We'd hate to see you miss out. Well that's it for now,
Safe Boating!
Kerry Renaud
Commander



Kids' Boating Course Con't:
being **Nadine's nautical t-shirt!** *We could have used her in the adult course!* The Kids Boating Course is a total of four 3-hour sessions, after which the kids will then take the Pleasure Boat Operators' Card Exam. If you missed getting your kids in this session, be sure you don't miss the next one. The efforts put in by these individuals, gearing the program to a kids level, (and actually making it fun), is **very impressive** to say the least. *If they thought they knew it all before ... what now? (sigh) ...*
G. Burrell, Editor

COMMANDERS SAILPAST AND BRUNCH

June 15th saw 24 boats turning out to salute the Commanders of Port Moody and Coquitlam Power and Sail Squadrons. Once again, *Carpe Diem*, owned by Les and Linda Renney, was the review craft – this time with a new twist. Due to a mishap at the dock, *Carpe Diem* was disabled. The solution was to tie her against the boom at the marina, flags flying and Commanders aboard. The squadron vessels passed by her from West to East along the breakwater, smallest to largest, saluting Port Moody Commander, Kerry Renaud (nice blazer, Kerry) and Coquitlam Commander Alex Herdman. The skies did darken (hey, this is Port Moody...) but no rain fell. We welcomed Chris and Robin Sheldon's 'new' boat, the Merlin II – a 33' Ciera – with her smiling owners at their first sail past. Coquitlam had made other plans, so we saved Kerry the job of cooking and had a great breakfast at *Mac's Galley Café*, where we were well fed by 'Mac' and his staff.

Photos see back page
Gay Northey



Gulf Islands Cruise June-July 2002

Comon' and shake your
tailfeathers!

On the bus to the Hummingbird Pub/Restaurant (Montague Harbour)



Who called this meeting?



I'm just gett'n outta dish duty ...

And, as your Cruise Master Supremo, I would just like to say....



Who let the dogs out?!

PMS Canine Troop on patrol!



Dinghy Heaven ...



Let's not forget that I'M the cuter one here! (Say Uncle!)

I thought you brought the diapers!



Good friends, good eats, good times!



The Great Volleyball Challenge – Port – versus Starboard!

The fruit doesn't fall far...



Thetis Island Pot Luck



Fall can be one of the most rewarding times for boating, assuming that one is not attempting to venture very far afield. A September or October overnight anchorage in a favourite Howe Sound or Indian Arm spot can be sunny, clear, quiet and uncrowded – but check the 48 hour weather forecast first! That lovely weather can deteriorate rather quickly (usually in the middle of the night) if a frontal system decides to march onto the coast. Cool, still weather and a moist air-mass can also lead to fog, which really fouls up that planned early departure.

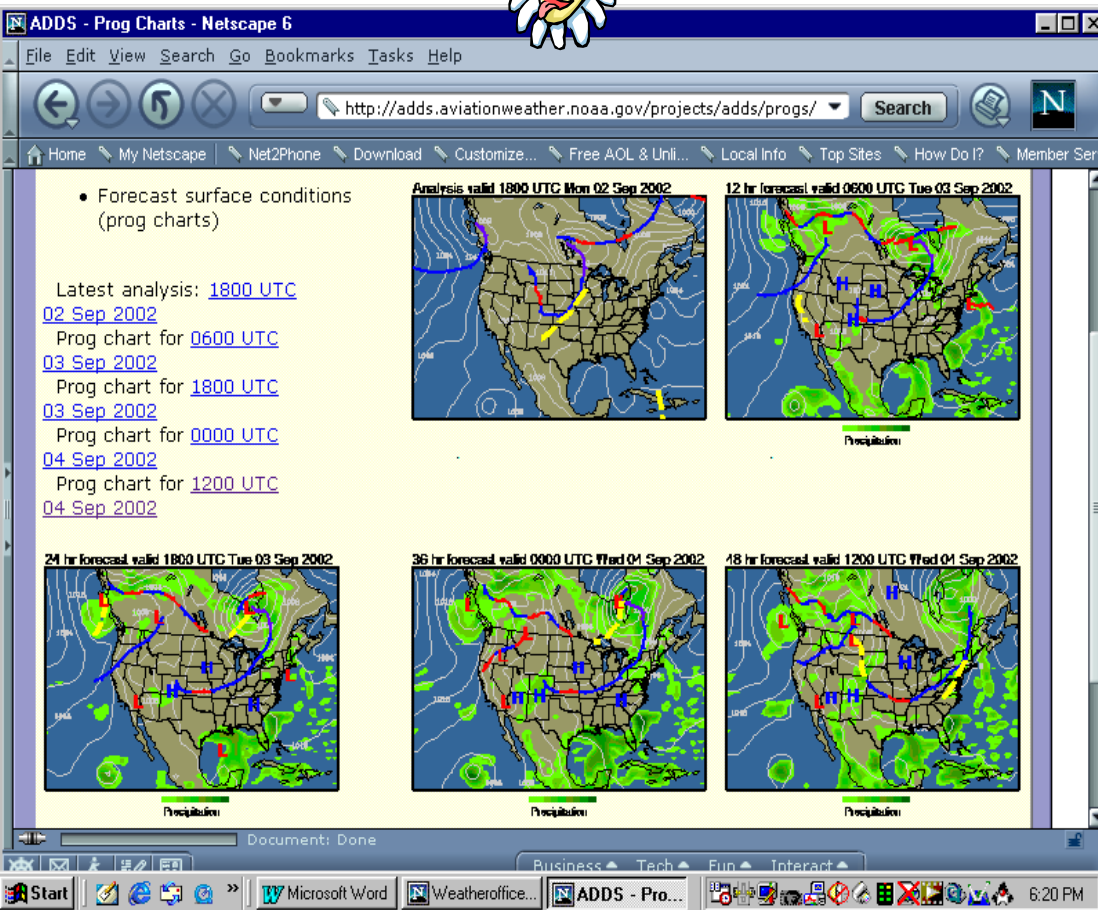
Monitor the pressure changes shown by your vessel's barometer over 3 hour time periods, watch the changes in the clouds (and know the characteristics of approaching frontal clouds) and note wind shifts. Remember that in our waters a wind shift into the southeast usually presages an approaching frontal system, along with dropping barometric pressure and thickening clouds from the west. Pay attention, and you will have lots of time to clean up, weigh anchor and run home easily before things get dirty.

As part of your planning, log onto the Environment Canada Web Site (www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca), go to "Text Forecasts" on the upper left of the Home Page, and select the "Coastal BC Marine Synopsis and Forecast". This will give you the latest 24 hour forecast, plus an outlook for the following 24 hours, in understandable format.

However, for additional information and a bird's eye view of expected pressure pattern changes and frontal systems, go to "Aviation Weather", also on the upper left of the Home Page. This will put you into Nav Canada's Web Site. Scroll down to the bottom to "Other Links" and select "American Data (ADDs)". You will then be connected to the "Aviation Digital Data Service". Select "Prog Charts" on the Menu Bar and be impressed by simple full colour charts which will portray snapshots of the next 48 hours at 12 hour intervals.

I have shown an example of how things looked for Labour Day and the day after. If you check the site and see lots of dark green and a big red "L" in our area, go directly to your favorite video store, buy popcorn, and stay home! If things look favourable, we'll share a bottle of wine with you at anchor in Centre Bay.

P/Cdr John Northey, MAREP Officer





News From Cruise Master Headquarters

Congratulations to all who were able to participate in our summer cruise season. We had a record number of boats and the feed back from you was very positive. This is what the Power Squadron is all about, the more the merrier. Stay tuned for more exciting cruise News!



CARIBBEAN CRUISE Join us March 28/03 aboard the new Brilliance of the Seas 10 day voyage "Circle the Caribbean". We cruise from Miami to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Aruba, and Curacao. Cruise only starting as low as \$1,379 cdn. For more information or to book contact the cruise master Dave Attewell 604-468-6778 or e-mail davera@shaw.ca.

NEWS SPLASH!

Believe it or not! Upon our arrival in Miami there will be a Press Conference held where you will be receiving some very exciting news. That's all we're able to disclose at this time. DON'T MISS OUT!

SHIP STORE



CPS & Port Moody Squadron Regalia! There is a great selection of golf shirts, sweat shirts, tee-shirts, hats, etc. with many colours available. Call me, I'd be happy to take your order (remember, gift season is right around the corner!).

Roni Clark, Supplies Officer

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POOL PARTY – JULY 2002

Many thanks to Melva and Dale Lamont who provided their home and hospitality for a PMS Squadron pool party this summer! A great time was had by all the kids in the pool (and Cheryl McGuire too) and all those on deck as well. Great grits, great company! It was also fun planning the upcoming Desolation trip as well. We appreciate all your efforts and generosity, thanks so much guys! (See photos back page)



TRAINING CORNER

NAME THIS MEMBER!



The Davis' of Pacific Sovereign

DON'T FORGET: UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bedwell Bay Raftup
September 27-29

Bieap Annual Bird Count
October (TBA)

Remembrance Day
Memorial (Belcarra Park)
November 11

Fall is almost upon us, so it's time to sharpen your minds! Book yourself into upcoming courses NOW! For more info, call Lawrence at (604) 941-5430

PILOTING: October 3 (Tentative)

VHF RADIO COURSE: October 17 (Tentative)

ADVANCED PILOTING: February 2003

DOGS BASIC BOATING: (Need mutt volunteers for proctors) - Dec. 25

DESOLATION CRUISE AUGUST 2002



I don't want to burn!



Dale's guide to How Boating Really Should Be!

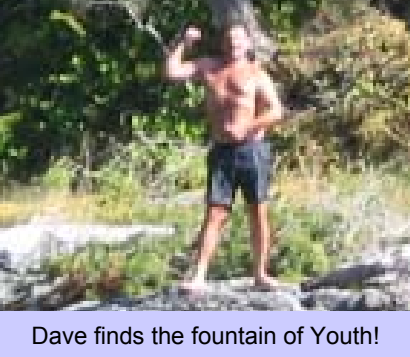


The great Dinghy Drill Team is born!

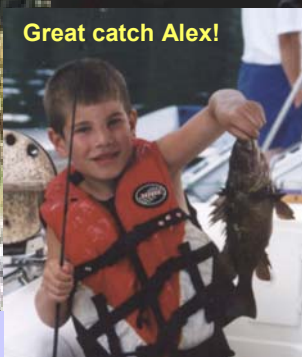


Oh Oh ...

Retreat!
Retreat!



Dave finds the fountain of Youth!



Great catch Alex!



Ah-one ah-two ...



So ya
wanna see
me swing a
bottle?





Friday, August 2nd marked the start of the much awaited Desolation Sound cruise. Some of us would come home saying it was the best cruise ever, while others would come back swearing it was jinxed. This trip had an unusually high number of boats with problems ranging from the most serious, a "leg replacement," to something as simple as "putting water in the battery." Despite these problems, the trip was fantastic and we had a great turn out of 19 boats in all.

Our first stop was on Friday at Gibsons. About fourteen boats arrived and we spent the night chatting and laughing on the docks. Everyone was so excited about the trip ahead. The next morning, we left for Westview Beach Gardens Marina. Unfortunately, our first boat casualty of the trip surfaced. Kerry and Shelly's boat, Zippity-Doo-Dah, started to have problems with the leg and they had to turn back. It was a crushing disappointment for Kerry and Shelly as they had been so looking forward to the trip. We all felt so disappointed that they were not able to come. The trip just wasn't the same without them.

Most of the squadron stayed at Westview Beach Gardens on Saturday night. Some of us braved the dark and walked along the beach to Grief Point to watch the fireworks. I'm sure we all woke up around 4 am when the thunder and lightening started. The coast guard had stopped by earlier that day and warned of the pending storm.

The next morning, the weather was rainy but it didn't dampen our spirits. After a short stop in Lund to restock with supplies (*The Tranquilizer* had run out of party ice and this qualifies as an *emergency*), it was on to Desolation Sound. Our first stop was beautiful Prideaux Haven for our first raft-up at Cobblestone Point. Some of us dodged the showers and went out to explore the cove in our dingies that first day. The next day, we were supposed to go to Pendrell Sound for a warm-water swim but the weather was not cooperating so half of the group stayed another night in Prideaux Haven and the other half spent the night in Roscoe Bay. There was a 6-dingy raft-up in Prideaux Haven the second night. While tied together, we travelled to Laura Cove and on the way attracted quite an audience from other boats at anchor.

On Tuesday morning, we left for a stop in Refuge Cove for supplies (more ice for Lou and Deb). This is one of the busiest places in Desolation Sound. There is a great general store with groceries, books, gifts, liquor store, laundry and hot showers. Then it was on to Teakerne Arm. We rafted up in "Good Sex Cove" and enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and socializing. The next morning we dingied over to Cassel Falls and hiked up to Cassel Lake for a freshwater swim.

We departed on Wednesday afternoon to head north through the "Hole in the Wall" and on to the Octopus Islands. As we arrived, Dave Sheppard and Steve Van Gaalen organized the ultimate "regulation" raft-up of 16 boats. I believe we thoroughly impressed the Langley Squadron (aka the Burnaby Squadron?? - we never did get a definitive answer) as they watched from their tiny raft-up. That night we orchestrated the largest dingy raft-up yet. Up to twelve dingies were tied together and drew cheers from the other boats at anchor as we did our amazing double-axe pirouettes. It was a thing of beauty. The PMS dingy drill team raft-up broke up after a rowdy water fight broke out between the Sheppards and the Langley squadron.

The next morning, the raft-up dispersed and we were on our way south through Surge Narrows for the scenic journey down to Gorge Harbour, Cortez Island for an overnight stay at the dock. A few members stopped at Rebecca Spit Marine Park beforehand, but the rest of us were anxious to get settled at the dock and have a long, much-needed shower.

Friday morning, the bulk of the squadron left to go to Garden Bay Marina on Pender Island. What started out as Gary and Cheryl McGuire picking up boat repair parts turned into a new PMS destination, much to their delight. We all went for an early dinner in the Garden Bay restaurant. It was a night for people watching, or better yet yacht watching as the 155 foot *Tamsen* sailboat pulled up to the dock opposite *Restless Too*, *Marry Me* and *On A Bubble*. Some of our members tried to think up ways of getting invited aboard for a tour but it never materialized. For a while, there seemed to be a crowd around the *Bubble*. I bet some of those people aboard the *Tamsen* wished they were on the more relaxing *Bubble* with its comfy new hammock and wide selection of inflatable water toys.

After being on the go for most of the trip, we all decided to stay another day at Pender Harbour. Some of us walked up to a local lake for a swim. We had a delicious pot-luck "appy" dinner followed by a short session of guitar playing by yours truly (after being bugged about not playing, I finally caved). We tried to sing a rendition of "Dave Tripper" sung to the Beatles tune "Day Tripper." Later we all went to the pub to celebrate Grace's birthday. It was a fun time with lots of dancing and partying. Things got out of hand when some of the women in the group, "for no reason," turned their shirts inside-out right there at the table! As usual, PMS was the life of the party.

On Sunday morning, we sadly left Pender Harbour leaving behind Dave Attewell who was joining Vera that morning. It's a good thing too because now he didn't need to keep borrowing Dave Burrell's air pump to keep his "inflatable" pumped up. This morning the squadron encountered the first rough water of the trip. It got so bad that *On A Bubble* and *The Tranquilizer* had to stay the night at Secret Cove. *Just Coastin'* was the only boat that made it all the way home that day after encountering 8 foot seas off Point Atkinson and stopping to help rescue a man in the water at Lions Gate. *Restless Too*, *Off Course* and *The Great Escape* made it to Snug Cove on Bowen Island.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip with a fantastic group of friends. I think most of us felt sad to be going home. I find myself already looking forward to next year's cruises. See you on the water!

Janice Williams (Off Course)

EDITOR'S CORNER

- 1st Lt. Grace Burrell, Editor
- Lt. Lawrence Schmidt, Assistant Editor

We welcome your ideas, letters and articles!

EDITOR'S NOTE: My humble apologies regarding this issue. I know, I know – it's LATE! It was such a fabulous summer, ... the boating seemed endless, and as a result some things got put on the back burner. Well now it's back to work and back to reality! See you on the water,

Grace, Editor

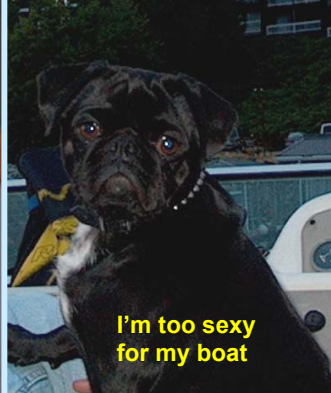




Dave studying for his Green Card



Dave gets his Green Card!



I'm too sexy for my boat



I think the Squadron's going to the dogs ...



Torsten is in awe ...



Who let the kids out?



I AM smiling!



Great Grub!

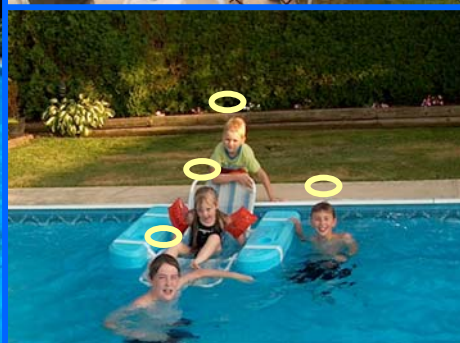
Commanders' Sail Past June 2002



Unprovoked "attack" on Lady McGuire!



Lady?



2 is always better than 1!

Pool Party at Melva & Dale's Place July 2002 – What a Splash!



Who's cold?