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Valley Squadron Members,

It's summer! All year we boaters wait for summer so we can get out on the water and have fun. So, what are you waiting for...get out there. Go fishing, go sailing, go canoeing, go waterskiing, get out and have fun on the water. If you have a boat with a head and stove, why not join one of our Valley Squadron summer cruises to either the Octopus Islands and Desolation Sound, or the San Juan Islands. But no matter what you do, get out on the water and have fun.

Plan now to attend the Valley Squadron Sail Past on September 6-7 at Harrison Lake. Even if you don't have a boat right now, or your boat is moored on the ocean, please join us for lot of fun and food. There will be plenty of boats and those without boats will be able to hop on with someone else for a couple of hours on the water. This year we will have a pig roast luau so come in your Hawaiian shirt.

If you need to brush up on your boating knowledge, remember that Boating Course graduates are always welcome to come and sit in on the Boating Course. No charge for a refresher and you will be a real encouragement to the new students. And don't forget to tell your boating friends to sign up for the Boating course in September.

Have a fun, safe summer on the water.

Your Commander,

Gary Clow

Cover: Gus & Ursula Binkle in "No Name " heading out for the Students' Cruise
Picture by Larry Nielson

CRUISES

July 4th to 6th **Annual PMD Rendezvous on Bowen Island** at Snug Cover, Bowen Island
Theme: Western Round-Up

July 12th to 27th **Desolation Sound & Octopus Island Cruise – See Schedule below.**

July 26th to Aug 10th **San Juan Islands** cruise Please contact Gary Clow re this cruise.
(604)792-9373 Clow@worldteam.org

August 2nd to 4th **Long Weekend - ? (any suggestions?)**

September 6th & 7th **Valley Squadron Sail Past** – Harrison Lake, Harrison Yacht Club – Theme is Hawaiian.

October 11th to 13th **Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise** – Long Island Bay, Harrison Lake
Dinner Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Desolation Sound, Octopus Island Cruise 2008

July 12 (Sat)	McDonald Beach Boat Launch 3:30pm Leave at 4:30 slack Meet at Plumper Cove 5:00 pm and proceed to Smuggler Cove or Secret Cove	Anchorage
July 13 (Sun)	Leave for Pender Harbour for fuel and ? Proceed to Desolation Sound-Copeland Islands	Anchorage or Moorage
July 14 (Mon)	Proceed to Prideaux Haven (Melanie Cove) for 2 nights	Anchorage
July 16 (Wed)	To Refuge Cove for Fuel and Supplies - Proceed to Von Donop Inlet	Anchorage
July 18 (Fri)	Proceed to Rebecca Spit/Heriot Bay	Anchorage
July 19 (sat)	Proceed to Campbell River (Fuel) Book - Discovery Harbour Marina 250-287-2614 Fax 250-287-8939	Marina
July 21 (Mon)	Leave for Seymour Narrows 7:30 am Proceed to Okisollo Channel Proceed to Octopus Islands (3 nights)	7:48am slack Anchorage
July 24 (Thur)	Leave for Hole in the Wall at 9:15am to Calm Channel and proceed to Refuge Cove for fuel and supplies then on to Blind Bay or Pender Harbour	9:36am slack Anchorage
July 25 (Fri)	To Gibsons Marina 604-886-8686	Marina
July 26 (Sat)	to home (back to McDonald Beach)	2:00pm high slack or 5:55pm low slack
	Note: Need Charts 3539 Quadra, 3538 Desolation Sound and 3311 Strip Charts	

If you are going, please confirm with Cruise Master Ted (859-6102 or ctcharted@shaw.ca) so he has some knowledge as to who will be going on this cruise – if you have not already done so. Also, please book your own marinas and say you are with the Valley Power & Sail Squadron Group

STUDENTS' CRUISE - Lake Harrison



Well there we were, a new batch of eager boaters ready to go on our Student Cruise! The day was a little overcast to start with but turned out to be quite warm.

Jimmy and I joined Ted and Charlene on their new boat, Abracadabra along with their lovely doggies. The Descanso (Gary Clow), Brianne (Brian Hanneson), Vera Nancy (Bob Plumtree), No Name (Gus & Ursula Binkle), Ranger (Tony & Bonnie Arnett), and Hardship (Al Collier) along with a posse of students completed our small Armada. I am reminded not to forget that there was an inflatable out on the water as well, providing much needed safety counseling for everyone else. We think the skipper was Bruce Matheson.

The Smiths noticed that immediately upon stepping onto Abracadabra they developed a chronic case of 2-foot-itis, after all, what's a few more thousand dollars in the whole scheme of things! As well, it seems that all those grueling weeks in class were quite easily forgotten by some (oh - it was bring a compass - not coffee), it's a good thing Jimmy is the skipper on our boat!



The motor boats quickly outdistanced the sail boats but I hear they were busy plotting their positions, with some students discovering they were actually situated on land - how did that happen! We all (except for the sailing vessels) made our way around Echo Island and it was beautiful indeed! The motor boaters were good enough to pass this information along to the sailors upon our return.

One thing picked up by the students attending the VHF course was the lack of radio protocol followed by our fearless leaders. They found this a little confusing at first but concluded that it must have been the radio reception at fault.



The fear we had developed in our Power Squadron classes of sinking no matter what the situation, location or weather, quickly subsided to our relief. Harrison Lake was as smooth as glass with few hazards in sight. We no longer had to put our boats up for sale! It must be said, however, that it is easy to relax when someone very knowledgeable and experienced is the skipper.

It is truly amazing how sitting on a boat for a couple of hours works up an appetite! Our group thoroughly enjoyed the smokies and hotdogs provided by Carson Loepp and Maple Leaf Foods. The cooking, cleaning,

brownies and beverage providing individuals were also greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Brian and Al Collier who did most of the cooking and Bonny Arnett who did a lot of work on clean-up detail. Our class enjoyed everything immensely!

As we cruised along I was reminded of a long admired print I own by Brent Heighton. The painting is of boats (okay, okay, they are **sail** boats) enveloped in low lying cloud or mist, alongside heavily treed shorelines. I think we're going to enjoy this new lifestyle!

*by Shelly Smith
Pictures – Larry Nielsen*



**Come and Enjoy
the Valley Squadron Sail Past
HAWAIIAN STYLE
September 6th and 7th at Harrison Lake**



The Sail Past is at 1:00 p.m.; wine and cheese to follow. You do not need a boat to attend. Others will be there to invite you on board. Come in your Hawaiian attire; bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to go along with the **whole barbecued pig** which will be prepared for the meal after the Sail Past. Commander's Breakfast Sunday 7:00 a.m.

May Long Weekend Cruise



Victoria Day weekend came early this year, but Valley Squadron is sure glad it did as we had the sunniest skies of the month for our cruise to Long Island Bay in Harrison Lake, May 16th to 19th. Eight boats from Valley enjoyed a wonderful relaxing weekend with calm water and not too much debris for the trip up.

Brianne was the first vessel to arrive, with 3 grandchildren in tow (not literally!). Second to arrive was Descanso, closely followed by Capt'n Crunch and Abracadabra. We were all pleased to see that the lake had risen and it continue to do so all weekend, leaving lots of dock space for those who came the next day.

Cassiopeia, Hardship with all the troops, Perfect Partner and Summer Dream all pulled in on Saturday in the bright sunshine, and we all enjoyed the great weather and the chance to visit once again. New boaters and Squadron members, Peter and Anna Bonde, and their 4 children rounded out our numbers on Sunday afternoon when they made their maiden voyage to the bay.





Several of us also enjoyed our first hike of the season and of course our first wood tick of the season which befriended Gloria and was subsequently removed by Sandra. Yecch!

The warm weather stayed with us until Monday, when we all had to head back. Another picture-perfect long weekend at the bay.

Roll on summer!

*by Sandra Clow
Pictures - Charleen Gregorig*

ALL ABOUT FISH'EN – Cultus Lake

Larry Nielsen



All About Fish'EN was well attended with double the number over last year. 600+ people entered in the derby.

We had a very good response at our display and gave away many articles of information and took names of eight possible students; the most showing interest as couples.



September will be the true test, but the exposure was great and the Salmon Society that put on the Greg Clark Memorial Derby was very much appreciative of us being there to show support for making all types of boating safe for those who boat as a recreation, or part of their recreational activities!



ERIKA ROSENTHAL

A long standing member of C.P.S. Valley Squadron passed away on May 11, 2008 in her 83rd year. Erika's husband, Charles, passed away in May of 2000. Both of them took a very active role in all of the C.P.S. functions.

Erika and Charles retired to Harrison Hot Springs in 1975 and after building a new home, started to boat on Harrison Lake. Their first small outboard powered boat called "Tiny Bubbles" took them to Port Douglas at the top end of Harrison Lake and many other coves and bays in between. Later, they purchased the "Island Drifter", a 25 foot diesel trawler style boat, and continued cruising on the lake.

Their favorite overnight spot was Long Island Bay, and many peaceful days were spent there with their dog "GiGi". Erika and Charles loved to explore the small bays and islands in their inflatable, and knew Harrison Lake well.

They were careful boaters and safely worked around the sudden winds and high waves that can arrive with very little notice on Harrison Lake, particularly as you travel further north.

Erika will be dearly missed by all her friends at C.P.S. and the Harrison Yacht Club. We will also fondly remember all the Black Forest cakes she brought to our social functions and the beautiful melodies she played for us on her harmonica.

by Dave Hampson



A plaque in memory of Charles and Erika Rosenthal has been installed on a bench at Long Island Bay by Valley Power and Sail Squadron and Harrison Yacht Club.

TRAINING

Fall Boating Course (13 weeks)

Wednesday, September 10th - Abbotsford and Harrison – 7:00 pm (1900 hrs)

Thursday, September 11th – Sardis – 7:00 pm (1900 hrs)

Tony Lamb will be instructing in Abbotsford. This being his first year at this, lets support him by coming out and helping his class by proctoring. We all have received help from Proctors when we took the course – Remember?? It is a great way to review your own boating basics as well.

WEEKEND V.H.F. COURSES at the Harrison Yacht Club:

July 11th and 12th – August 8th and 9th - Radio Course and DSC

Anyone wishing to take this course MUST contact Bruce Matheson as early as possible in advance for books and instructions as registration is limited.

Instructors are Joe and Linda Mason (Sur Del Squadron) sponsored by Valley Squadron.

Saturday lunch is included.

As Training Officer I need your input as to what courses you, as members, wish to have this year. – Just contact me at bdmatheson@shaw.ca or 824-8616.

This year we will be starting a library of courses offered by C.P.S.

PRESENT LIBRARY:

Boating Course

V.H.F. Course & D.S.C. Endorsement

Piloting

Advanced Piloting

Weather (fundamentals of)

Marine Maintenance (new)

Finding Your Way with G.P.S.

All are available to members on short term library loan to look over and decide if you wish to take the course. More will be added every few months. The intent being that this will be one way of raising awareness of the many courses available to us by Headquarters. Each one will be the latest version. The Training Officer will be responsible for maintaining the Library.

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**Volunteers are needed to act as safety boats during the event
and Valley Squadron has been asked to help.**

Contact Gary Clow if you want to be involved.

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Valley Squadron Bridge Meetings

All Members are Welcome!

Bridge meetings are open to all Valley Squadron members. Join us at 1900 hours at our new meeting place – **Cross Roads Family Restaurant, 1821 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, BC.**

September 9th

October 14th

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