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Valley Squadron Members,

Did you attend the Vancouver Boat Show last month? Maybe the Seattle show? Are you getting your boat ready for the water? Our first Valley Squadron cruise is coming up fast. If you have your boat on Harrison Lake join fellow squadron members for a great weekend cruise to Long Island Bay on April 4 and 5. And don't miss the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 21, Annual General Meeting on April 14 and our Change of Watch at the Rancho on April 23. Tickets for the Change of Watch must be purchased in advance and are available by phoning Larry Nielsen (823-4673) or Sandra Clow (792-9373).

This spring and summer plan to take part in lots of Valley Squadron events. We have fun! Really. Members who come out to Squadron events not only have a great time but they form many wonderful lifelong friendships with other boaters.

One more note. Don't forget that your Canadian Power and Sail Squadron membership gives you great discounts on everything from marine supplies to hotels, cruising guides to VHF radios. Check the CPS website for all the discounts available to CPS members and save some money.

Spring is coming, get your boat ready for the water and join us to make some great memories.

Yours truly,

Gary Clow
Commander

Cover: We're looking forward to the dog days of summer
Picture by Gloria Caplette

To: The Members, Valley Power and Sail Squadron

Notice of Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Valley Power and Sail Squadron will be held at:

Cross Roads Family Restaurant, 1820 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, BC
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 1900 hours for the purpose of:

- a) receiving and , if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron;
- b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2008, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- c) considering and, if thought fit, adopting other resolutions put forth;
- d) electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- e) appointing the Squadron Trustee;
- f) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.
- g) The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulations 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.
- h) Dated this 10th day of February, 2009.



Elaine Stevens
Squadron Secretary

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2009/2010:

Commander	Gary Clow 45328 Creekside, Chilliwack, BC V2P 7K6	604-792-9373
Squadron Executive Officer	Ray Salloway 36273 Country Place, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1M1	604-852-8700
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Squadron Assistant Training Officer	Tony Lamb 27020 Maple Street, Abbotsford, BC V2S 3Y6	604-824-8616
Squadron Secretary	Elaine Stevens 45153 Montcalm Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 2J9	604-858-9936
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Squadron Supply Officer		
Squadron Membership Officer	George Stevens 45153 Montcalm Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 2J9	604-858-9936
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Squadron Marep/Environmental		
Squadron Cruise Master		
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Charleen Gregorig
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Rob Turner
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Fred Walker
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Brian Hanneson
16 – 36060 Lower Sumas Mountain Rd.,
Abbotsford, BC V3G 2E9 604-854-1649

The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as Staff Officers:

Squadron Training VHF John Tymoschuk 604-701-6618
8914 Copper Ridge Drive, Chilliwack, BC V2R 5V2

Squadron Training VHF Bryan Stolee 604-858-4848
6942 Centennial Drive, Chilliwack, BC V2R 3T8

Port Capt-Fraser R/Mission Bill Hopkins 604-796-0144
P.O. Box 28, Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

Port Capt-Cultus/Harrison Dave Hampson 604-858-4397
45778 Higginson Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 2C7

The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that the following member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as immediate past Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Bruce Matheson 604-824-8616
#2-45550 Shawnigan Dr., Chilliwack, BC V2R 5Y1

Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve as Squadron Nominating Committee for 20010/20011 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Bruce Matheson (Chairman)
Cdr Gary Clow

Respectfully Submitted,



P/Cdr Bruce Matheson
Chairman

EVENTS

Saturday, March 21st
6:30 pm

St. Patrick's Day Party – Yarrow Community Hall. For details of this event please see page 8.

Tuesday, April 14th

Annual General Meeting at Crossroads Family Restaurant, 1821 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, BC – 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 23rd

Change of Watch - at the Rancho. 6:00 pm for cocktails. 7:00 pm for buffet dinner. Tickets (\$20.00) available from Bridge members. This is our biggest event of the year. A reminder - blues and grays for Bridge members.

For information on the above events call Sandra Clow 792-9373 msclow@telus.net

Saturday, April 25th

Dry Land Day Trip – See page 12 for details

CRUISES

April 4 th and 5 th	"Shakedown Cruise" long Island Bay, Harrison Lake
April 18 th	Student Cruise (Instruction) Noon at the Harrison Yacht Club for all Fall and Spring Boating Class graduates
May 15 th or 16 th to 18 th	May Long Weekend Cruise to False Creek & River Rock?
July ?	PMD Rendezvous at Snug Cove on Bowen Island
July 11 th to 26 th	Gulf Island Cruise (detailed schedule to follow)
August 1 st to 3 rd	Long Weekend ?
September 11 th to 13 th	Valley Sailpast at Snug Cove on Bowen Island. Book your own slip well in advance (Dock A).
October 10 th to 12 th	Thanksgiving Cruise – Long Island Bay on Harrison Lake Dinner at 4:30 on Sunday the 11 th

All Cruises are open for change, discussion or cancellation

Call Ted Blackall at 604 859-6102 if you plan to attend or want to discuss plans

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VALLEY SQUADRON WELCOMES 20 NEW MEMBERS



The night of January 20 saw 20 people join our squadron after successfully passing the Boating Course. Congratulations to this Fall 2008 group, as they had one of the highest average scores on this exam in our Pacific Mainland District. Kudos to Commander Gary and Asst. Training Tony Lamb and their proctors for a job well done.

The event was held at the Abbotsford Community Services building which gave us lots of room for all who attended. Pacific

Mainland District was represented by Shirley Shea (Asst. District Training Officer) who pledged the students into Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. They received their New Member Kits from Commander Gary and myself and their C.P.S. flags from George Stevens (Membership).

A special award was presented to Tim Marshall for attaining 100% on both the Personal Craft Operators exam and the Boating exam.

This was followed by a slide show of squadron events (thanks to Life Member Larry Nielsen) and cake and coffee was served by Charleen Gregorig and Sandra Clow (Socials). There was much interest shown in the upcoming new member cruise and events planned for summer.

*Bruce Matheson
Training*



Come and Join us for an evening of St Patrick's Day fun at Yarrow Community Hall, March 21st - 6:30 pm

This is a pot luck dinner so please bring a dessert or salad or check your cookbooks for an Irish dish. We will be serving up something pretty special. Wear your green proudly and let your Irish roots show!!

Featured will be a 15 minute film of a shark dive. The man behind the camera in a cage 50 feet below the dive boat is Abbotsford Boating Course Instructor, Tony Lamb. Tony, an excellent speaker, will present the film along with a brief overview of the dive itself. Valley Power & Sail Squadron is constantly finding ways to reach out to new and potential boaters.



The Fraser Valley Irish Dance Academy will be on hand with a wonderful display of Irish dancing. The dancers, pictured below, are aged from preteen to late teen, dressed in the colourful costumes the style of dance calls for. They are excited to be part of our event; we are pleased to have them. They compete regularly and love an audience. These dancers are good! Let's give these enthusiastic young people a Valley Squadron welcome!



VERY HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO COURSE

- Date & Time:** April 20th and 27th – May 4th and 11th
(Monday Nights) at 7:00 pm (1900hrs.)
- Location:** Sardis Secondary High School, 45460 Stevenson Road,
Sardis (Chilliwack)
- Cost to students:** \$60.00 Course cost includes Government Application fee
and D.S.C. endorsement (Digital Selective Calling)
- To register
Contact:** Bryan Stolee - bjstolee@telus.net or phone 604 858-4848

Please note class size is limited – only a few spots left

As part of their squadron's 50th anniversary, Burnaby Squadron is putting together a Digital Selective Calling MMSI directory for boaters who have a VHF radio with DSC capabilities. They would like all CPS members to send their basic MMSI information to them if they would like to be included in the directory. They need the information by May 1st of this year.

1. MMSI N^o: 316- to 318- (Canada) or 366- to 369- (USA) plus the trailing 6 digits.
2. Vessel Name:
3. Proprietor: (Name and Last Name and/or AKA)
4. Organization Member: CPS, USPS, CSA, a yacht club or other organization or N/A if not.
5. Squadron/District:
6. Province of State of Boating activity:
7. Sail or Power: S/P
8. LOA:
9. Home Port:

To be included in this Directory send the above information directly to the following address: jcb-01@telus.net

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

This year the membership list and the list of boat names for the Roster are to be taken direct from the on-line list. Members must be aware that if they wish their boat names to be included in the Roster it is their responsibility to ensure that the information on-line is up-to-date as the Membership Officer cannot enter his information for individual members. **Boat names and MMSI numbers on a member's profile on National website must be updated prior to the end of March so that information in the Roster will be correct.**

George Stevens
Membership

SEAMANSHIP COURSE

If you have taken the boating course and wish to upgrade your boating skills please consider the new Seamanship Course. Those interested please attend a meeting at my place (2 – 45550 Shawnigan Drive, Chilliwack, BC – Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 pm) at which time we will be discussing what night would be best to hold this class.

BOAT PRO SEMINAR

There will be a seminar held in April for anyone you know that does not have their PCOC card yet. Please call Larry Nielsen at 823-4673 closer to April as the date and location are yet to be set.

Bruce Matheson
Training

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JOIN US ON A DRY LAND DAY TRIP

April 25th 2009

Valley Squadron is going to Tour the Hydrographic Station

Located in Sydney B C

We will be Boarding the Ferry @ Tsawwassen

Crossing and Boarding a Bus for a 15-20 Min. ride to Pat Bay

What will we see!

We will see and hear how our paper Charts are made,

We may also get to tour the Ships that are used
in the collection of soundings and other feature's etc:

On the trip across we are hoping to be able tour the Wheel House and Engine Room of the Ferry Subject to the Skipper and or other security concerns of the Day

Cost per person will be \$20.00 as we are getting a group rate for the Ferry We **must** all board at the same time.

We will be using the 09:00 sailing so we need to be at the Terminal 30Min before we also need pay \$12.00 for parking!

We hope to be able Car pool so parking and transportation to the Terminal will be your responsibility!

Contact Larry Nielsen

@

#604 823-4673

Or Email

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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.**

March 10th

April 14th - Annual General Meeting

May 12th

Valley Squadron Bridge Officers

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