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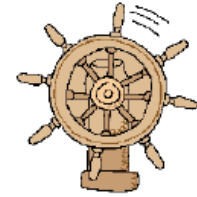
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Brentwood Bay Squadron Commanders Report February 1, 2005



Our spring boating class started on January 10, with 17 students, down somewhat from our usual 25. A number of prospective students that we contacted said that either the day of the week or location were reasons for not enrolling. After informing these prospective students of other locations and evenings available, (I.e.; Saanich Peninsula, Tuesday and Oak Bay Squadron, Wednesday) I felt it my responsibility to also point out that although they might take the course with another Squadron, they could, indeed *should* join Brentwood Bay Squadron upon their successful completion of the course.

Our Squadron has initiated the Ken Waterman Memorial Award.

It will be in recognition of a Squadron member who has made “significant contributions to the successful functioning of the Squadron” as did Ken Waterman.

Michael Harvey our Squadron Cruise Master crafted the wooden ships wheel trophy, a real work of art out of a new hybrid wood called ‘lyptus’ grown in Brazil.

A personal recognition gift of a laser engraved coffee mug, with the winner may keep, will also be presented at the Squadron AGM and Spring Boating Course Graduation, April 25th. Please send me your nominations for this award by March 15th. (see page 5)

We are in the process of gathering together our ‘New Bridge’ for 2005/6 year. So if you are interested in helping out with a little of your spare time please give Linda Larsson or me a call and keep your eye on the ‘Bearing’.

We look forward to our upcoming student cruise on March 13 at Genoa Bay where we will again light and put out fires as the fire extinguisher practice again becomes part of our student cruise agenda. Maybe Rick and Lynn will give us a ‘Docking Demo’ as well!

Because of increased costs our membership fees will be going up this year. However it is only by \$3.00. Membership renewal is by May 31 so there is lots of warning!

Remember it is through your volunteering and membership support that we are able to continue to teach safe boating to hundreds of new boaters every year, and you don’t even need a boat!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Simpson (Commander, Brentwood Bay Squadron)

Calendar of Events

- March 25th – Student Cruise to Genoa Bay
- April 25th – Annual General Meeting and Spring Boating Course Graduation at the Quality Inn (Waddling Dog) 6:30/7:30 p.m.
- May 14th – VISD Annual General Meeting – Holiday Inn, Victoria.

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Need Help ???

Saanich Peninsula Marine Rescue Society
Operating as Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Fast Response Vessel (FRV) based in Brentwood Bay and on call 24/7
Crewed by volunteers in your community and funded by donations.
Fully trained in Marine Advanced First Aid.

We also have 2 boats based at Pat Bay and one at Port Sidney
Watch for us in Todd Inlet on safety patrol during the fireworks in the Summer
Contact us on Ch.16 or *16 on your cell. “Aux 31 Brentwood”.

Safe Boating

For further information please contact Doug Robinson
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The year 2005 will be an exciting one for Victorians as we host the Tall Ship Festival in late June. The timing is also perfect for us as educators for it will provide an excellent opportunity for students to visit the ships, tour the maritime museum, develop leadership skills and partake in curriculum that will support our maritime history and culture.

If you are interested in participating in the development of support material and resources for elementary and middle schools, please contact:

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Nominations for the **Ken Waterman Memorial Award.**

This award is in memory of Ken Waterman who was a Life Member of Brentwood Bay Squadron. Ken actively participated in all Squadron activities, holding several bridge positions including that of Squadron Commander.

Brentwood Bay Squadron members may nominate up to three other members who they feel have made significant contributions to the successful functioning of the Squadron.

These nominations may be placed in letter or email form, in order of priority and should be received by the Brentwood Bay Squadron Commander until March 15, 2005.

Nomination #1 is the highest priority. The value for tabulation will be:
Nomination #1 = 3, Nomination #2 = 2 and Nomination #3 = 1.

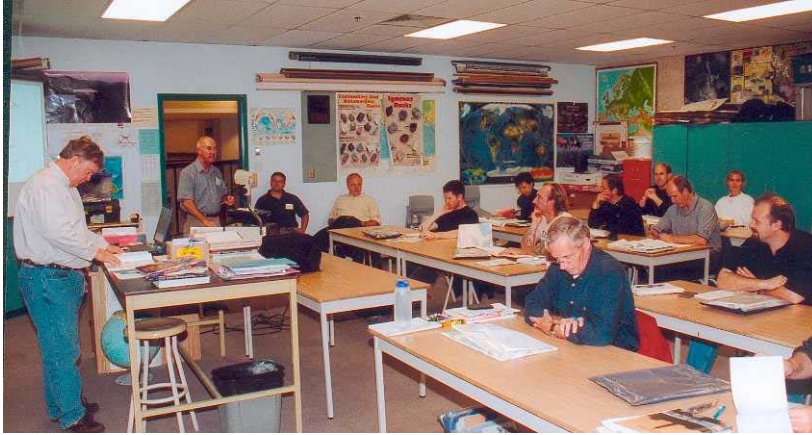
The Ken Waterman Award is a 41cm (16") wooden spoked ships wheel which was hand crafted by Mike Harvey our Squadron Cruise Master. The name of the award is inscribed in the center with the recipients name and year received on miniature brass shields around the outside. The recipient will also receive a gift of an inscribed glass mug.

The award will be presented at the Squadron Annual General Meeting/Spring Boating Course Graduation in April and should be returned to the Squadron Commander by March of the following year.

If you have any questions please call:

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Brentwood Bay Students travel from the classroom to the cruise to the graduation - "C to Sea to Glee"



The "C"
as in class



The "Sea"
as in Genoa Bay



**Fall Graduation recognition
Monday Dec 13th , 2004**

Valedictorian Speech



The “Glee” as in graduation



Welcome to new Members:

Mark Johansson,
James Monument
Nancy and Allan Adams
Paul Hughes
Julia Grant
Dan Wallace
Wendy Perry.

“We’re going down!”

Mike Baker, Caprini II

The Butchart Garden evening fireworks had faded into a blue moon evening, and most of the local boats had putted or whooshed home out of Tod Inlet. Brian and Peggy, our guests for the evening on Caprini II were getting ready for me to ferry them back to shore. Life Jackets secured on each of us, and with Peggy in the bow holding high my emergency light, I fired up the Seagull and headed shoreward. The only lights visible were houselights in the distance, and the odd anchor light bobbing nearby.

A very few minutes later, about midway to our destination, I noticed a line of boat wake approaching from ahead. The first splash prompted a squeak from Peggy in the bow, and I chuckled because she’d gotten wet on the way out earlier. Then the second wave hit us and I saw Brian, amidships, lean way back then call out, “We’re going down ...”. The third wave rolled over us, the dinghy started to submarine, I killed the Seagull, and we were awash.

“Help! Help!” erupted from Peggy, as she continued to bob about in the last of the waves. “Over here!” hollered Brian as he tried to keep tabs on Peggy, then on the picnic cooler holding their camera and valuables. Surprisingly, the water wasn’t cold. Our life jackets did their job, and I was able to hang onto the dinghy’s painter to stop us drifting apart.

Only a few minutes later voices hailed us, followed by a heaven-sent open run-about . The crew pulled us aboard (it *is* difficult to get out of the water into a boat!) and made sure we were all present and uninjured. They towed my dinghy back to Caprini, dropped me (and the dinghy) off to the care of my relieved wife Irene, then took Brian and Peggy to the docks near their car. Brian got our rescuers’ names so we could later give them the warm thanks they deserved.

We all agreed that in the future discretion will be the rule when ferrying guests at night – better two trips dry than one soggy adventure.

***Ferrying our guests to our boat, for dinner and an evening of watching fireworks.
Water was gently rippled, which was a good thing:
note the freeboard!***



Editor's Anchorage

It's great to see our squadron is attracting new members, mostly recruited from the two safe boating courses offered annually. It goes to the heart of CPS ~ education, safe boating and association with people of common interests. Of course a wonderful bonus of the above are new and lasting friendships.

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Check out the following site if you are interested in Victoria Harbour's real-time weather.

[http://www.victoriaharbour.org/tenminute\\_data.aspx](http://www.victoriaharbour.org/tenminute_data.aspx)

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More good news:

The following students successfully completed the brand new course for VHF(M) with DSC ,(Digital Selective Calling),endorsement on January 24, 2005:

**Julia Grant (member)
Shawn Harper
Paul Hughes (member)
Geoff Large
Lisa Large**

Thanks to instructor: Diana McKone

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The E-Bearing is now available at  
**[www.brentwoodbaysquadron.org](http://www.brentwoodbaysquadron.org)**

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