

Commanders Report

September / November 2009.

September and October are now behind us. Most boats are now put away for the fall and winter months, but there are a few of us that still boat year round. The Lighted Boat Parade is on November 28th. If you have not tried this event it is a lot of fun. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will lead the way. There is free overnight moorage and power at Port Sidney for those not comfortable returning to their marinas at night. This is a great way to hone your night navigation skills with the CCG Auxiliary standing by if you require assistance.



There is an after Sailpast Party at the RC Grill on MacDonald Park Rd. for all skippers and their crews. For more information there is the Lighted Boat Parade information on the Town of Sidney website.

Our Boating Course is now more than three quarters the way through with good attendance by our students and an abundance of Skippers and Proctors that offered their time and boats on our Student Cruise. The student cruise was the day it all came together on the water for the Boating Class Students. I would sincerely like to thank all of the Skippers and Proctors for their time and expertise getting our class safely to and from Genoa Bay. The predicted weather did not happen and the good weather held for the remainder of the day.

Thank you to the Brentwood Bay CCGA, Doug Robinson and crew for enlightening our students to your realm of Search and Rescue. I commend each and everyone of you, for your dedication to further our Boating Course classes on the water safety training.

I would like to personally thank our Student Cruise Master Peter Granger for not only arranging the Student cruise, but for barbecuing the gourmet tube steaks for lunch.

Brentwood Bay Squadron has now won the Best Overall in Teaching Award across Canada at the CPS National AGM in October 2009 for a small Squadron. This is an outstanding award that reflects the dedication of the Brentwood Bay Training Department. My thanks goes out to Janice Hayward our Past Training Officer, Dawna Burton our present Training Officer and to each and every Proctor and Instructor that has been involved in the Training Department. This is Brentwood Bays third training award since the Vancouver Island South District AGM in May



2009. Brentwood Bay is definitely leading the way in VISD. You are all an awesome group of Instructors and Proctors to work along side of.

Wednesday
November 5th,

District Training Officer Brent England addressed our class and presented the plaque to our Training department in the class room. Accepting the award on the Squadrons behalf are past T/O Janice Hayward and present T/O Dawna Burton. It was a nice touch to have the award presented in our class room for everyone present, especially the students. I've heard over the years it's all about Training, but I've never seen so much dedication given to training from a smaller squadron such as Brentwood Bay.

For clarification Brentwood Bays Instructors and Proctors are for the most part the Brentwood Bay Executive. Way to go Brentwood Bay.....I'm impressed.

We are now planning for the Boating Course Grad and Christmas party. I would encourage all Squadron members to attend. It's your Squadron, participate, meet our newest members and welcome them to the Squadron.

Len Burton

Commander.