

Commanders Report for December and January.



Our fall Boating Class 2009 passed with flying colours with an outstanding overall pass average of 91.38%. These marks were attained because the class worked hard to achieve a high standard. I commend all Instructors and Proctors for working closely with their assigned students. Our VHF DSC Radio course saw our class size increase to 27 students with all attaining an outstanding high pass average and VHF/DSC Card.

Our Christmas Party/Graduation at the Waddling Dog Inn was a huge success with 50 in attendance. Thanks to Janice Hayward for an outstanding cruising presentation. Thanks to our Membership for supporting our Squadron. It was a night to party and a year to celebrate.



January 6th 2010 saw the beginning of the Spring Class and the beginning of a new course.

It is encouraging to see new members return to proctor in this class. What is even more encouraging is to see new members step up to the plate to instruct.

You (our new members) are the future of the Training Department and our Squadron. Involvement in our Squadron is what makes our Squadron work. I feel that our choice to return to Claremont School was a good decision. The large bright room with good acoustics makes a great environment to learn in. Centrally located it offers the course from Royal Oak to Brentwood Bay and Sidney and we welcome all in those areas to join us in future classes.

The Squadron's thanks go out to Dave Jackson CHS.

My thanks as always go out to our Bridge.

Our Bridge is the Training Department.

Candace Winter SEO, Dawna Burton STO, Ken Carpenter ATO, Gale Fidyk Chief Proctor, P/Cs Barrie Gilbertson, Peter Simpson, Len Fallan, Instructors and Proctors, Patricia Sparks, Al Helmersen, Janice Hayward, Kathy McDougall, John Maycock, Randy and Cathy Garon, Doug Carter, Sharon Virk, Paul and Rosemary Jeffery, Student Cruise Master Peter Granger and all of the Student Cruise skippers and proctors, too many to mention.



Shortly I will announce our Brentwood Bay Squadron Armada cruise dates so get your boats out of mothballs early and join us on our first Squadron Cruise of 2010 to Victoria on the May weekend of the 15th and 16th. May 2010 will be here before you know it. If you've never participated before, here is your chance to go with experienced skippers. Dock parties don't get any better than this one.

The PIG WAR July 9th and 10th at Port Browning. It's time to reclaim the Pig War trophy. Port Browning Marina is now under new management with many new updates to the facilities. New power outlets on the docks, new washrooms, showers and laundry facilities.

Len Burton

Commander.