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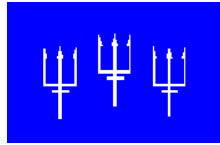
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NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT VANCOUVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

2005

COMMANDER'S REPORT

By: CDR Larry Snyder, AP



A friend from my days of sailing the Chesapeake Bay sent me a boating publication from that area called "Mariner". A regular columnist, Captain Drew Brown, had titled his column "Power Squadron convention like spring break in Cancun". Seems Cap'n Drew was invited to the last Spring Governing Board meeting in Charlotte, NC to do a little boating related stand up comedy. He had a great time. He reported telling the convention that he believes the Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary should be empowered to deny people the right to become boaters if our instructors feel they cannot learn basic safe boating, and if we believe they will become boaters "who do stupid things like leave baitfish in the boat club refrigerator, use roadmaps for charts, pump their holding tanks into the waterways, or feed the geese on the dock". I'm not sure we want to go that far, but it is heartening to see more and more states expecting at least minimal safety education. Cap'n Drew goes on to say, "Anyone who is looking to enhance their boating experience should consider joining the Power Squadron. You make some good friends, do some good by educating the boating community, and every once in a while you get to party like there is no tomorrow!" Let's all try to get out to the upcoming GB Fall meeting here in Portland (September 7-10), and let's keep up the good work and spread the word about education to all our friends in the boating community.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

BY: LT/C BOB CRAVENS, JN



Boy, has your squadron been busy out there in the Community! As one of the legs of our Triangle is Civic Service, we have been out among the public doing good deeds. The newly formed "**Bobby's Posse**" has helped the Marine Deputy Jim Drew by checking out our favorite Robot Boat "BOBBY" and getting him and his trailer ready for lots of work. **Bobby** has made two appearances this month; one in Washougal and the other in Battle Ground for the Children's Home Society. That group helps families in distress and provides services and information to help many families and mainly children. At these two events the children flocked around Bobby and made us feel very privileged to be able to exhibit the Robot and to entertain them for the afternoon. The **Posse** consists of new members; Tom Toussaint, Allen Lewey, Steve Ebert, Marty Nyemaster-Schelb along with several long time members.

The Squadron has also been busy with COOP Charting and Vessel Safety Exams; we are doing very well in District 32 and are near the top in each category.

We really should have the complete squadron displaying a current Coast Guard **Vessel Safety Decal**. Please make an appointment to have your boat examined now, call our Chairman Gary Hardiman and he will assign one of our 13 examiners to help you get your boat certified. **Have you had a vessel safety exam and new sticker this year??**

The Co-operative Charting activity now has 11 involved and they have racked up over 1000 credits this year so far. Chairman Ron Holeman would like to hear from you if you would like to join this group and find the elusive "Station Mark" and report a "Mark" that has not been located since 1951. There are lots of marks that have been reported "not found" that really are still there, they were just not able to be located by the searcher. Joseph Hirtler has been researching a program called "Depth Wiz" which was written by USPS members in to make depth surveys much easier. Joseph has offered to be our expert and guide us to learning this new technique in making surveys. We can then earn credits for resurveying areas like the Beacon Rock dock area, the Sea Scout base and others. This data would be sent to NOAA to update our "Adopted Chart", # 18531 (the Columbia River from the I-5 Bridge east to Bonneville Dam). We have not made any changes to this chart for this year so this would help us to be able to help everyone who uses this chart.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

BY: LT/C STAFFORD CAMPBELL, P



Fall is in the air as summer has sped by. It has been a great cruising season so far and there is plenty of good boating to come. This month we have two events to make note of: We resume monthly meeting with the Quad Squad meeting at the Portland Yacht Club on Thursday, September 22, at 6PM. This is a potluck for side dishes only. The yacht club provides outdoor grills for cooking whatever you want to bring to cook for your main course. This is a very nice facility and it is fun to meet and eat with the other local squadrons. Details on the speaker will be sent out in the next week or so.

The second event this month is the Ft. Vancouver squadron cruise to Government Island East Dock September 23, 24 25. This dock is always a favorite of ours, due to it's' location and the great turnout we always have. Take advantage of the warm days and cool night to enjoy this fun cruise. Further details will be sent to members via email and fax.

As always, the Ft. Vancouver Power Squadron web site has info and directions for driving and cruising to all cruise locations. Please consult the web site before leaving for any new info. The site address is:

www.usps.org/localusps/ftvan/index.htm

Please contact me if you have ideas or questions. I look forward to seeing all of you out on the river.

Have a great month on the water!

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

LT/C STEVE ZINSMEISTER, SN



Ft Vancouver's education program is coming along very well. Follow are the most recent graduates.

- **Piloting:** Phil & Sue Owen, Tim Calderwook, Gosh Green, Tom Westfall, Cristi Wilkins, Ken Worster, Joe Zutz, Cindy Silva, Ed & Nancy Bettencourt, Gary & Terry Billett, Bill Bland, Marv Rainey, Shawna Schroder, Dan Sorenson, Mike Shank, and Norm Wood.
- **Advanced Piloting:** Keith Mathison, Skip Nitchie, Fred Pickering, Fred Shreves, Larry Snyder, and Bob Baldwin. I am waiting on three others who have tests pending.
- **Junior Navigation:** Al Griggs.

We all need to applaud these students, and their instructors. Each of them dedicated time and effort to their success.

Education courses to begin: Seamanship will begin at 7PM on Monday Sept 12th at the International Air Academy, 2901 E. Mill Plain Blvd. The course runs about 10 weeks and is a continuation and expansion of Boat Smart. If you haven't already, call me to let me know if you plan to attend.

Those who missed Piloting will be able to take this newly revised, electronically oriented, course starting Thursday, October 6. We will meet in the Int. Air Academy at 7PM. Please call me soon so I know how many will be in the class.

Weather will start Tuesdays, October 4 at Fire District 6, 8800 Hazel Dell Ave. This popular course covers essential information for every boater.

Engine Maintenance is set to start late October or early November. Marine Electronics and Sail will start in November. Cruise Planning will be offered early next year. Instructor Development is usually given in December and Operations Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd. Advanced Piloting will begin in mid January, 2006 and I plan to begin Navigation in May 2006 if there is interest.

Please plan courses you want to take as soon as possible and let me know. A brief description of all courses is provided on the web page. If you have any questions about the courses give me a call (503) 286=5859. Look at our web site for details. I am hoping we continue to have success in our education programs but only the members can make it happen.

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Executive Officers Report

The Public Relations Committee has been busy also. They are planning a campaign to "Put the face of the Squadron in the Public's Eye." They are completing a plan that will allow us to be more visible with the smallest possible expenditure. The National and Districts oversee a program that allows reimbursement to the local squadrons for expenditures that promote that Squadron's Public Relations. Our PR Committee is working to make the maximum use of that yearly expenditure of monies with a comprehensive plan. This plan will include involving us in community actions like the Hazeldell Parade and Bobby the Boat; giving classes at Clark College which allows us to be listed in their catalog with a distribution of thousands of households, listing of our squadron in the city directory of Clubs and Organizations, and working with the Clark County Sheriff to use their trailer at Boat ramps for Vessel Safety Exams and the Boat shows like the **Boater's World Extravaganza** next month at Jantzen Beach. Our current allotment from the District for this year is for \$428 to be spent by us and they will give back \$214 to us. We would like to use this year's allotment to buy banners, magnetic signs for our increased number of VSE's, and brochure's to hand out to prospective new members. We then would like to use next year's allotment to expand these efforts and to perhaps buy advertisements in some of the local papers.

Boaters World with the Portland Boat Dealers Association is putting on a giant Boat Show at Jantzen Beach on September 9-11. If you can help with the Sheriff's Safety trailer and Bobby at this event call Chairperson Ed Bettencourt he is arranging for the staffing. **LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN !!**

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**Fall "Boat Smart" Safety Courses
Are Scheduled To Begin
Check the FVSPS Website
Or call Kathy Kolstad for Details**



**Needed For The
FVSPS Road-Side Coffee Stop**

Sept 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

0800 to 1200 – 1200 to 1600 – 1600 to 2000

This is a "FUN" activity, one that provides a valuable and appreciated public service, and is a major fund raisers for our squadron.

We need your help! If you can work any of the shifts noted above, please give Bob & BJ Pelayo a call (360 750-6779) right away.

NOTE: This is a wonderful way to earn merit mark credit. During the 91 year history of USPS, the "merit mark" has stood as a badge of honor for our members. You earn a merit mark by contributing time to the squadron, district and/or national efforts of USPS.

The Reel Deal

A message from
Fort Vancouver's Fishin' Folk



Fall Chinook are staging at the mouth of the Columbia as kokanee fishing is winding down in the reservoirs.

Summer steelhead fishing has been good from Frenchman's Bar to Longview on the Washington shore. Plunking near shore, 30 to 50 feet out, with a rainbow Spin Glo baited with live sand shrimp or cured prawns seems to bring them home. Four-to-18 pound sea run rainbows are being invited to dinner. During slack tide anglers have been doing well fishing for pike minnows. For bait use worms, chicken liver or salmon or trout guts on a No. 2 hook.

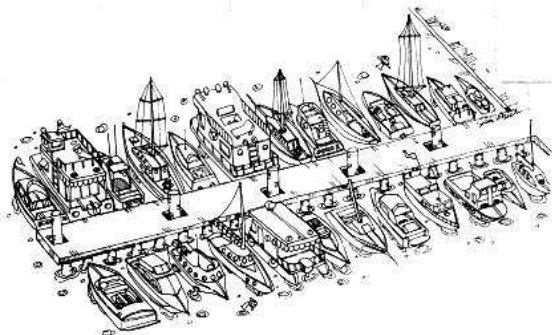
Fall Chinook like the taste of well-baited Alvins, K Lures and Kwik fish. Dip the hooks of these shiny lures in salt shrimp anise smelly jelly to entice the silver monsters. Fish hard during the tidal changes. During slack tide, trolling can be productive.

The weather was perfect for the Reel People Merwin Reservoir Mystery Fish Cruise August 18. The day's fishing stats favored the female fishermen: 2 women, 4 salmon caught; 5 men, 5 salmon caught, plus countless excuses.

As the new instructor on engine maintenance, Fred Pickering exhibited his skill by undoing a prop entanglement on Little Bear's out drive. He successfully removed and untangled the propeller at sea and re-installed it. Good going, Fred.

See you on the water.

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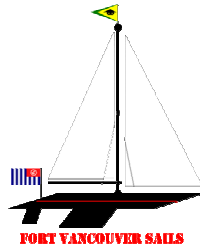
FORT VANCOUVER SUMMER 2005 ON-THE-WATER AND BEYOND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Aug 26, 27, 28	St Helens Dock & Park D/32 Rendezvous
Sept 9, 10, 11	Govt Island, East Dock (Hosted by PSPS)
Sept 23, 24, 25	Govt Island, East Dock
Oct 21, 22, 23	Hadleys Landing Halloween Cruise
Nov 24, 25	Govt Island, East Dock Thanksgiving Cruise
Dec 31 – Jan 2	Coon Island, West Dock Polar Bear Cruise (PSPS)

REMEMBER

All USPS members are invited to any on-the-water and beyond event sponsored by any USPS squadron or auxiliary group, including the Reel People, Fort Vancouver Sails, and the newest group within FVSPS, the trailering group. Check the Fort Vancouver website often for additional information on activities.

FORT VANCOUVER SAILS



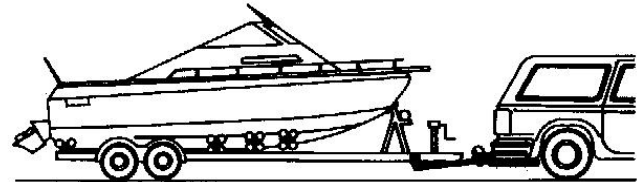
The month of August had interesting, and fun, events for *Fort Vancouver Sails*. Skip Nitchie formed a Race Committee from volunteers for the SYSCO (Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon) "One Design/Level Fleet Regatta" the weekend of August 13 & 14th. No one had much – if any – experience serving on a Race Committee. That wasn't a problem, because Skip provided "On-The-Job" training prior to the events. We worked on timing, flagging, recording, looking for OCS (boats on the course side of the starting line), sounding signals, and a variety of other activities.

This was the second time this season *Sails* members have served as a Race Committee. Everyone who has participated on these committees talks about how exciting the races are to watch. Of course, there's no better seat than being aboard *Gilligan* on the starting/finishing line. There's also consensus that Skip is the premier creator of grilled Tillamook cheese sandwiches, which he makes for committee members between races.

On Saturday, August 20, instead of gathering at Sunshine Bagels, *Sails* had "Dinghy Sailing Day" at Hayden Bay. Steve Zinsmeister, Paula Zellers, Rick & Joan Mathews, Jerry Allin, Ed & Nancy Bettencourt, along with their teenage granddaughters, Jamie & Stephanie from Sacramento, CA., and Larry & Lee Ann Snyder enjoyed the beautiful summer day on the bay. Jerry amazed the group by assembling his 4-person Porte-Bote sailboat from a flat packet that he carries on his car-roof, and a couple of small boxes and bags. Together with the Snyder's 8-foot Walker Bay and the Sea Scouts 8 foot sailor, there was a fleet of three. Everyone pitched in on assembly and rigging. Then, it was sail time! There were five first time solo sails, Paula Zellers, Joan Matthews, Nancy Bettencourt (although she has often sailed as crew), and Jamie & Stephanie. Stephanie & Jamie had never sailed before and they were naturals. The winds were a little quirky, but the boats sailed well. The more experienced sailors helped as crew for the novices and did some solo work as well.

We have another boat available so races of our own are a possibility. Do any other members have sailing dinghies? You can view photos of the day at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/ftvan/ftvansails.htm>.

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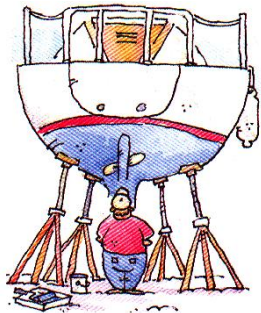
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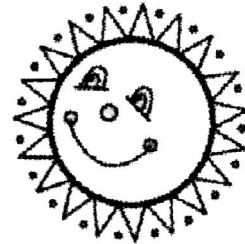
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SQUADRON MEETINGS

Squadron Meetings are on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month (except June, July & August).
TIME: 1830. Location listed below under “Coming Events.”

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Executive Meetings are on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of each month at 1900. Location listed below under “Coming Events”.

LADY SKIPPERS MEETINGS

Lady Skippers Meetings held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month with no meetings in July, August, September & January.

COMING EVENTS

SEPT 3	FORT VANCOUVER SAILS BREAKFAST – <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
SEPT 9	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Billygans Roadhouse, Vancouver</i>
SEPT 12-16	FORT VANCOUVER COFFEE STOP FUND RAISER – <i>Gee Creek, I-5</i>
SEPT 17	FORT VANCOUVER SAILS BREAKFAST – <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
SEPT 22	(QUAD) SQUADRON MEETING/POTLUCK – <i>Portland Yacht Club, Portland</i>
SEPT 23	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Billygans Roadhouse, Vancouver</i>
SEPT 23-25	FORT VANCOUVER CRUISE – <i>Government Island, East Dock</i>
SEPT 24	FORT VANCOUVER TRAILERING GROUP - <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
SEPT 28	FORT VANCOUVER BRIDGE MEETING – <i>Bill & Alice Hall's House, Vancouver</i>
OCT 1	FORT VANCOUVER SAILS BREAKFAST – <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
OCT 7	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Billygans Roadhouse, Vancouver</i>

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